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Move to Michigan, by the numbers

Cornerstone Alliance touts success of program that offered incentives to move here and work remotely

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Jill Urbanski has been living and working in Chicago for more than 20 years.

But lately she's been working remotely out of small apartment, and her lease came up for renewal. She wanted more space, to separate her work area from the rest of her living space.

Then she learned about a program that offers up to $15,000 for people who can work remotely to relocate to Southwest Michigan.

Urbanski, who next month will move to St. Joseph, was the first one to benefit from the Move to Michigan initiative launched last October by Cornerstone Alliance in partnership with multiple organizations in Berrien County. She was one of 1,000 applicants for the first round of funding.

Rob Cleveland, president and CEO of Cornerstone Alliance, said 23 households have been notified that they are recipients of financial incentives to move to Michigan. Applications are closed for now.

"We won't be doing this every year, but we'd like to see at least one more round," Cleveland said in a phone interview.

Move to Michigan was launched as people, during the COVID-19 pandemic, began to relocate from big cities to less dense areas. The idea is to bring more people to Southwest Michigan who can support local businesses and help boost the local economy.

The program was available to people who live and work in other states and can prove that they can work remotely.

The first 23 recipients include five single people, five couples, and 13 families with children.

In a report to the St. Joseph City Commission earlier this week, Cleveland said a study showed that the 23 households relocating to Michigan will collectively bring $1.34 million per year in new local spending. He said that includes more than $100,000 for restaurants, $43,000 for education, $170,000 for retail, $364,000 for health care, $288,000 for real estate, and $28,000 for arts, entertainment and recreation.

In addition, they are expected to generate $237,000 a year in school funding and $135,000 in county revenue through state and local taxes, including property taxes.

Cleveland and Christina Frank, vice president of external affairs for Cornerstone Alliance, said the Move to Michigan initiative is gaining attention from other communities throughout the state and the nation.

"This is representing our community on a national level," she said.

Cleveland said the intent was to bring more people to Southwest Michigan and increase the visibility of the community.

"This is not just for Chicago people. We've gotten applicants from more than 16 states all over the country,"

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WINTER SCENE

Don Campbell / HP staff

A pair of joggers push through a light snowfall as they run past the Box Factory for the Arts in St. Joseph on Tuesday afternoon, after a minor storm had moved through the region the night before.

Next stop for Wingstop: Mall Drive

Developer bringing new wings eatery to Berrien County

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Haresh Patel is winging it with another business venture in Benton Township.

Patel is in the process of bringing a Wingstop Restaurant to 1396 Mall Drive in Benton Township this spring.

The chicken wing chain will open at the former site of a Subway restaurant, which was stationed across the street from Walmart.

"Everyone loves wings," Patel said. "During the pandemic, more than ever, the sales at Wingstop have been tremendous. We feel this area would do really well."

Patel said he bought the rights to be the franchisee for Wingstop in Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and South Bend.

The spot on Mall Drive will be the first Wingstop restaurant in Berrien County.

The building will be 1,200 square feet, with construction and renovations expected to cost around $500,000. Patel said he owns 31 Wingstop restaurants throughout the Midwest.

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Work continues Tuesday on a future Wingstop Restaurant, to be located at 1396 Mall Drive in Benton Township where a Subway restaurant used to be.

"The majority of our (Wingstop) franchises are up 20 to 25 percent (in revenue)," Patel said. "It was a great time to get into Benton Harbor. We got exactly what we wanted, right in front of the Walmart. It's a great product and we deliver through DoorDash and Uber Eats."

Construction began last week as the inside of the building will be gutted, plumbing updated and concrete ripped out.

Patel is using the same contractor hired to handle work being done at his Dunkin'/ Baskin-Robbins that will be built next to the Sonic Drive-In along M-139 in Benton Township.

He said work to renovate the building will take about three months. Patel said they would like to open by May 1.

Patel said they plan to hire 15-20 employees.

"It took me awhile to find a location," he said. "We worked with a broker and went back and forth on three or four different spots. Within three months, we found something that wasn't too close to Wings Etc."

The brand originated out of Texas in 1994 and was franchised in 1998. According to its website, the Dallas-based chicken wing restaurant chain went public in 2015.

"We do fresh wings, we don't have them frozen," Patel said. "We don't have sandwiches or any of that stuff. Everyone mistakes it for Wings Street instead of Wingstop. I always like to say, 'Once you try it, you won't stop.'"

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U.S. surging vaccine to states amid shortages

By JONATHAN DREW and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

Answering growing frustration over vaccine shortages, President Joe Biden announced Tuesday that the U.S. is surging deliveries to hard-pressed states over the next three weeks and expects to provide enough doses to vaccinate 300 million Americans by the end of the summer or early fall.

Biden, calling the push a "wartime effort," said the administration was working to buy an additional 100 million doses of each of the two approved coronavirus vaccines. He acknowledged that states in recent weeks have been left guessing how much vaccine they will have from one week to the next.

Shortages have been so severe that some vaccination sites around the U.S. had to cancel tens of thousands of appointments with people seeking their first shot.

"This is unacceptable," Biden said. "Lives are at stake."

He promised a roughly 16 percent boost in deliveries to states over the next three weeks.

The administration said it plans to buy another 100 million doses each from drugmakers Pfizer and Moderna to ensure it has enough vaccine for the long term. Even more vaccine could be available if federal scientists approve a single-dose shot from Johnson & Johnson, which is expected to seek emergency authorization in the coming weeks.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that the government plans to make about 10.1 million first and second doses available next week, up from this week's allotment of 8.6 million. The figures represent doses of both the Pfizer and Moderna

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'THIS IS ME': Rioters flaunt involvement in U.S. Capitol siege

By MICHAEL BALSAMO, ALANNA DURKIN RICHER and COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — These suspects weren't exactly in hiding.

"THIS IS ME," one man posted on Instagram with a hand emoji pointing to himself in a picture of the violent mob descending on the U.S. Capitol. "Sooo we've stormed Capitol Hill lol," one woman texted someone while inside the building. "I just wanted to incriminate myself a little lol," another wrote on Facebook about a selfie he took inside during the Jan. 6 riot.

In dozens of cases, supporters of President Donald Trump downright flaunted their activity on social media on the day of the deadly insurrection. Some, apparently realizing they were in trouble with the law, deleted their accounts only to discover their friends and family members had already taken screenshots of their selfies, videos and comments and sent them to the FBI.

Their total lack of concern over getting caught and their friends' willingness to turn them in has helped authorities charge about 150 people as of Monday with federal crimes. But even with the help from the rioters themselves, investigators must still work rigorously to link the images to the vandalism and suspects to the acts on Jan. 6 in order to prove their case in court. And because so few were arrested at the scene, the

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Senate filibuster fight cools for now, but battles ahead

By LISA MASCARO
AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Easing off a stalemate, the Senate moved forward Tuesday with a power-sharing agreement in the evenly-split chamber after Republican leader Mitch McConnell backed off his demand that Senate Democrats preserve the procedural tool known as the filibuster.

The stand-off between McConnell and new Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer had all but ground the Senate to a halt in the early days of the Democratic majority and threatened President Joe Biden's agenda. Schumer refused to meet McConnell's demands.

"I'm glad we're finally able to get the Senate up and running," Schumer said Tuesday as he opened the chamber. "My only regret is it took so long because we have a great deal we need to accomplish."

While the crisis appeared to have resolved, for now, the debate over the filibuster – the procedural tool that requires a 60-vote threshold to advance most legislation – is far from over.

Progressive Democrats see the tool as an outdated relic that can be used by the minority Republican Party under McConnell to derail Biden's agenda, and they want to do away with it. They point to the way the filibuster was wielded during the 20th century to stall civil rights legislation, and warn of a repeat.

Democrats control 50 votes in the split chamber, with Vice President Kamala Harris as a tie-breaking vote, and Biden's allies would typically need Republican senators to reach the 60-vote threshold to advance Democratic priorities on COVID-19 relief, immigration or other issues.

Even as he dropped his demand, McConnell warned Tuesday of all the ways the Senate business could still be tied in knots if Democrats try to press on with plans to pursue changes to the filibuster.

"They would guarantee themselves immediate chaos," McConnell warned. "Destroying the filibuster would drain comity and consent from this body to a degree that would be unparalleled in living memory."

Usually a routine matter, the organizing resolution for the chamber became a power play by McConnell once Democrats swept to control after the Jan. 5 special election in Georgia and the new senators took the oath of office after Biden's inauguration on Jan. 20.

McConnell had been holding up the organizing agreement, which divides up committee assignments and other resources, as he tried to extract a promise from Schumer of no changes to the filibuster.

Schumer would not meet the Republican leader's demands, but McConnell said late Monday he had essentially accomplished his goal after two Democratic senators said they would not agree to end the filibuster. Without their votes, Schumer would be unable to change the rules.

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Michigan
Poker Lotto
JC-JD-AD-JH-2H
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Daily 3
8-6-5
Daily 4
7-6-1-2
Fantasy 5
01-18-29-32-37
Keno
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Mega Millions jackpot
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Monday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
03-12-16-28-32
Cash4Life
24-32-35-43-55, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
01-03-05-15-21-22-23-27-29-38-40-44-46-47-48-59-65-71-72-75, BE: 59
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Daily Three-Evening
1-3-3, SB: 1
Daily Four-Midday
4-8-7-3, SB: 4
Daily Four-Evening
9-4-0-7, SB: 1
Quick Draw Evening
01-05-07-08-11-14-19-23-27-28-32-35-36-37-47-51-66-70-74-77, BE: 5

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LuckyDay Lotto Midday
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Pick Three-Midday
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Pick Three-Evening
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GOP largely sides against holding Trump impeachment trial

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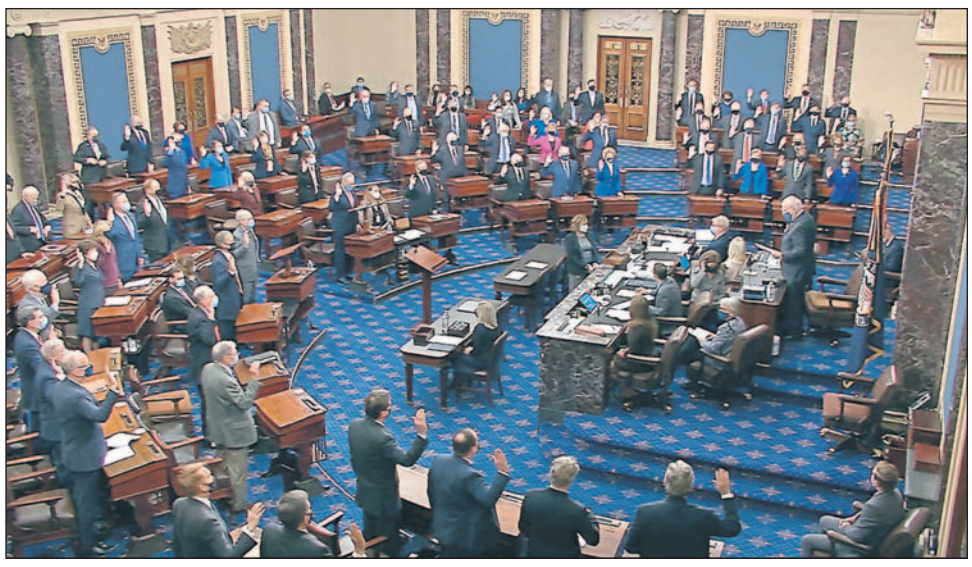

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In this image from video, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is presiding over the impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump, swears in members of the Senate for the impeachment trial at the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON — All but five Senate Republicans voted in favor of an effort to dismiss Donald Trump's historic second impeachment trial on Tuesday, making clear a conviction of the former president for "incitement of insurrection" after the deadly Capitol siege on Jan. 6 is unlikely.

While the Republicans did not succeed in ending the trial before it began, the test vote made clear that Trump still has enormous sway over his party as he becomes the first former president to be tried for impeachment. Many Republicans have criticized Trump's role in the attack – before which he told his supporters to "fight like hell" to overturn his defeat – but most of them have rushed to defend him in the trial.

"I think this was indicative of where a lot of people's heads are," said South Dakota Sen. John Thune, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate, after the vote.

Late Tuesday, the presiding officer at the trial, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., was taken to the hospital for observation after not feeling well at his office, spokesman David Carle said in a statement. The 80-year-old senator was examined by the Capitol's attending physician, who recommended he be taken to the hospital out of an abundance of caution, he said.

Leahy presided over the trial's first procedural vote, a 55-45 tally that saw the Senate set aside an objection from Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul that would have declared the impeachment proceedings unconstitutional and dismissed the trial.

The vote means the trial on Trump's impeachment will begin as scheduled the week of Feb. 8. The House impeached him Jan. 13, just a week after the deadly insurrection in which five people died.

What seemed for some Democrats like an open-and-shut case that played out for the world on live television is running into a Republican Party that feels very different. Not only do senators say they have legal concerns, but they are wary of crossing the former president and his legions of followers.

It's unclear if any Republicans would vote to convict Trump on the actual charge of incitement after voting in favor of Paul's effort to declare it unconstitutional.

Ohio Sen. Rob Portman said after the vote that he had not yet made up his mind, and that constitutionality "is a totally different issue" than the charge itself.

But many others indicated that they believe the final vote will be similar.

The vote shows that "they've got a long ways to go to prove it," Iowa Sen. Joni Ernst said of House Democrats' charge. South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, a close Trump ally, said he thinks the vote was "a floor not a ceiling."

Oklahoma Sen. James Lankford said he thinks that most Republicans will not see daylight between the constitutionality and the article of incitement.

"You're asking me to vote in a trial that by itself on its own is not constitutionally allowed?" he asked.

Conviction would require the support of all Democrats and 17 Republicans, or two-thirds of the Senate – far from the five Republicans who voted with Democrats Tuesday to allow the trial to proceed. They were Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Mitt Romney of Utah, Ben Sasse of Nebraska and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania – all recent critics of the former president and his effort to overturn President Joe Biden's win.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, who has said Trump "provoked" the riots and indicated he is open to conviction, voted with Paul to move toward dismissing the trial.

Democrats rejected the argument that the trial is illegitimate or unconstitutional because Trump is no longer in office, pointing to an 1876 impeachment of a secretary of war who had already resigned and to the opinions of many legal scholars.

Democrats also say that a reckoning of the first invasion of the Capitol since the War of 1812, perpetrated by rioters egged on by a president as Electoral College votes were being tallied, is necessary.

"It makes no sense whatsoever that a president, or any official, could commit a heinous crime against our country and then defeat Congress' impeachment powers – and avoid a vote on disqualification – by simply resigning, or by waiting to commit that offense until their last few weeks in office," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer.

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Biden orders end of federally run private prisons

By AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

President Joe Biden on Tuesday ordered the Department of Justice to end its reliance on private prisons and acknowledge the central role government has played in implementing discriminatory housing policies.

In remarks before signing the order, Biden said the U.S. government needs to change "its whole approach" on the issue of racial equity. He added that the nation is less prosperous and secure because of the scourge of systemic racism.

"We must change now," the president said. "I know it's going to take time, but I know we can do it. And I firmly believe the nation is ready to change. But government has to change as well."

Biden rose to the presidency during a year of intense reckoning on institutional racism in the U.S. The moves announced on Tuesday reflect his efforts to follow through with campaign pledges to combat racial injustice.

Beyond calling on the Justice Department to curb the use of private prisons and address housing discrimination, the new orders will recommit the federal government to respect tribal sovereignty and disavow discrimination against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community over the coronavirus pandemic.

Biden directed the Department of Housing and Urban Development in a memorandum to take steps to promote equitable housing policy. The memorandum calls for HUD to examine the effects of Trump regulatory actions that may have undermined fair housing policies and laws.

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Appeals court ruling favors Quattrin in civil suit

Drain commissioner no longer personally part of 2019 suit

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County Drain Commissioner Christopher Quattrin was given full immunity last week by the Michigan Court of Appeals in a civil lawsuit filed against him and Berrien County Commissioner Teri Freehling in July 2019 in Berrien County Court.

Doug Hartzler, owner of Hartzler Excavating in Bridgman, alleged in the lawsuit that Quattrin and Freehling were involved in conspiracy, fraud and breach of contract involving over $400,000 in drain projects.

Berrien County Trial Court Judge Dennis Wiley granted Quattrin immunity as a government official on all of the charges, except for conspiracy.

The case has been on hold as Quattrin's appeal was being heard.

The court of appeals reversed Wiley's denial of immunity on the conspiracy charge, affirmed the rest of the rulings, and sent the case back to Berrien County.

Lansing-area attorney John Brennan, representing Quattrin, said a hearing will be set up after Hartzler is given a chance to appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court, if he so chooses.

Brennan said the ruling means that Quattrin is no longer in the case personally, but he may be involved in his capacity as a drain commissioner. He said that technically, Hartzler should have sued the individual drainage districts.

Other defendants include Robert DeVries Jr. and his company, REV Excavating in Galien, along with the estate Freehling's husband, Patrick Freehling, who died in a farm accident in May 2019.

Hartzler alleged in court documents that between 2017 and 2018, his company was awarded contracts for 57 jobs for the Berrien County Drain Commissioner, with almost all of the work done using equipment rented from Patrick Freehling.

He alleged that Teri Freehling knew about this arrangement and didn't recuse herself from votes related to the awarding of the contracts.

At the time, Freehling said she recused herself from voting on all of the contracts she knew about. Former Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic cleared her of possible misdemeanor charges for failing to disclose a conflict of interest.

In the lawsuit, Hartzler alleged that Patrick Freehling asked him to hire DeVries. After he later fired DeVries, Hartzler alleged that Quattrin retaliated by not awarding any more work to his company.

Hartzler has asked for a jury trial.

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PERFECT TIME FOR A HAT

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Snow-covered, hand-knitted winter hats are seen here free to the public at the Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library in St. Joseph.

Why less ice on Great Lakes worries climate experts

By LEONARD N. FLEMING
The Detroit News (TNS)

"We'd like to see ice. You kind of need that. It helps with the fish populations. It helps with the evaporation and condensation as far as our rain goes. It's worrisome, to say the least."

KARYN SPROW
co-owner of Zuboks Bait Tackle Marin

The Great Lakes appear to be headed for another year of below-average ice cover, which is welcome news to the commercial shipping industry but a disconcerting development for scientists who see a growing trend due to climate change.

Since 1994, the five lakes have fallen below the long-term average of 53 percent ice cover for 16 of the 26 winters, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory.

NOAA experts are projecting that a maximum of 30 percent of the five lakes will be covered by ice this winter, which would be higher than the 19.5 percent average from 2020 but lower than the long-term average of 53.3 percent.

"Overall, lower-than-normal ice cover means warmer lakes and land temperatures in winter and the coming spring and summer, which would make the Great Lakes unhealthy," said Jia Wang, an ice climatologist at NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory near Ann Arbor. He attributes the fluctuation to global warming trends.

The warmer-than-usual winters tend to cause fewer bottlenecks for ships that travel the Great Lakes to deliver goods and services. The "commercial shipping season can be lengthened," Wang said.

But one of the downsides is there are fewer chances to doing ice fishing farther out on the lakes from shore, forcing enthusiasts to travel farther north or west to find places to cut holes and drop their lines.

Karyn Sprow, co-owner of Zuboks Bait Tackle Marine in Taylor, said she and her husband have experienced less ice-covered winters since 2014, when the Great Lakes had a near-record 92.5 percent of the lakes covered with ice. The record for the lakes since records started being kept in 1973 was 94.7 percent in 1979, according to the NOAA.

The ice cover is "coming on later in the season, and they are lasting later into the spring," Sprow said.

"You can't count on (lake ice cover) anymore," she said. "It's a pattern that keeps repeating itself. It's a little scary."

The development is tough on people who fish on the ice or go snowmobiling. They have been forced out of Lakes St. Clair and Erie. Last year, they traveled north to find better ice, Sprow said, while this year, some enthusiasts are heading for lakes around Ann Arbor and west of there.

Other disadvantages from less ice build-up are an increase in beach erosion and potentially fewer fish, experts say.

"The negative impacts include high waves without ice damping, which would increase the rate of coastal erosion," Wang said. "An increase in lake temperature may change the lake food web and increase the fatality of fish eggs and larval without ice cover protection."

Sprow agreed.

"We'd like to see ice. You kind of need that," she said. "It helps with the fish populations. It helps with the evaporation and condensation as far as our rain goes. It's worrisome, to say the least."

The lack of ice formation also could hurt some fruit and other crops "because the snow melts earlier and the fruit tree blooms too early, so that is vulnerable to a cold outbreak in spring," Wang said. Michigan's cherry industry suffered severe damage in 2012 when a hard freeze followed a late winter heat wave that prompted trees to start blossoming.

The average ice build-up was 9.1 percent through Sunday, up from 2.9 percent late last week. It was an improvement from the 7.8 percent at the same point last year but less than 2019's 18.4 percent.

Government officials are predicting a subpar ice year. Lake Michigan will have a maximum coverage of 23 percent, Superior 30 percent and Huron 39 percent. But Lake Erie is expected to have nearly double the ice formation as the other lakes at 63 percent, while Lake Ontario – which stretches from Toronto to the west and touches New York state to the east – is projected to average 7 percent.

Although officials see a "slow decreasing trend" in lower ice cover in recent years, "there's a lot of variability from year to year," said James Kessler, a physical scientist who manages lake ice data for the NOAA office near Ann Arbor.

The lowest average ice cover since 1973 was 11.9 percent in 2002. But there have been near historic spikes in frozen water during the past decade. Ice coverage hit 92.5 percent in 2014 and almost 89 percent the following year, close to the record of 94.7 percent hit in 1979, according to federal data.

"The commercial shipping industry, they'd prefer ice-free conditions. The Coast Guard during a mid- to high-ice year has to go out and break the ice open," Kessler said.

But less ice cover doesn't necessarily mean fewer ice dams. The shipping industry and Michigan businesses have been urging Congress to increase the number of icebreaking ships in the Great Lakes as water levels have surged to record highs in most of the lakes and connecting waterways.

During the past few winters, higher water levels have created greater ice hazards for ships, hindering the movement of goods. The development in 2019 cost an estimated 5,421 jobs and $1 billion to the U.S. economy, according to an industry-backed study.

Kessler also said the trend also means there likely would be more lake effect snow. Once a lake is frozen over with ice, "you're not going to have lake effect snow. So that's certainly a societal impact," he said.

Darell Kecskes, 71, of Dearborn, was in Zuboks in Taylor Monday to buy minnow bait for his 13-year-old grandson. He worries about those who go out on lakes when they aren't completely frozen.

"Our winters have been substantially mild compared to what they were years ago," Kecskes said. "The only time we get a deep freeze is when that polar vortex drops down for a week or so."

Oronoko Iron Works expanding to Bridgman location

Has outgrown Baroda facility, owner says

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BRIDGMAN — Oronoko Iron Works, Inc. closed on a new Bridgman property earlier this month, with plans to move there this spring, according to a news release.

With more than 50,000 square feet to work with, Oronoko Iron Works announced its plans Tuesday to use the front building and lease the back portion.

Rusty Riley, owner and founder of the company, said he looks forward to the new opportunities and continued success that will come with this expansion.

"Oronoko Iron Works has outgrown our facility in Baroda, and we're excited to announce that we have finalized the purchase of a new property in Bridgman," Riley said in the release. "We look forward to building lasting relationships with customers and folks within the community as we transition to our new home. We are especially grateful for the assistance provided by the teams at Core Real Estate and Edgewater Bank in acquiring our new location."

Riley said he expects the additional space to make room for more equipment, which will provide more jobs to the Berrien County's workforce. The business looks to add to the seven-person team by hiring additional employees after getting settled in.

In operation since 2014, Oronoko Iron Works has built a foundation in the brewing and distilling industry and has continued to develop various capabilities to handle machining and fabricating needs.

The building, at 9890 Red Arrow Highway in Bridgman, was previously home to Sunset Tool, Inc. Oronoko Iron Works closed on the property on Jan. 8.

A Cornerstone Alliance spokesperson confirmed that Oronoko Iron Works intends to "completely move their operations to Bridgman." Its original location is at 9243 1st St. in Baroda.

The total estimated investment is projected to be $1.6 million.

Cathy Tilley, Cornerstone Alliance's business development manager, said the expansion is a success for economic development in the county.

"We are thrilled that Oronoko Iron Works has expanded and remained in Berrien County," Tilley said in the release. "Core Real Estate and the city of Bridgman were vital to making this re-location happen for Oronoko Iron Works. In today's hyper-competitive atmosphere, it's more important now than ever to have collaboration in the private and public sector."

Loren Gerber, associate broker at Core Real Estate, led the purchase of the Bridgman property.

"We are delighted to see a local expanding company be the successful buyer of the property," he said in the release. "All parties, buyer, seller and other participants, worked together to successfully conclude the sale in January."

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IN BRIEF

Local COVID-19 stats remain steady

Berrien County recorded 49 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday, along with 12 new recoveries.

No new deaths were recorded.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 1,394 active cases. That's higher than the 1,364 active cases last Tuesday, but still steady.

COVID-19 hospitalizations at Spectrum Health Lakeland continued their downward trend on Tuesday, dropping to 20 patients. Last Tuesday, the hospital reported having 35 COVID-19 patients admitted.

As of Monday, Berrien County had administered 9,216 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, according to state data. Van Buren County had given 4,465 doses and Cass County had given 1,100 doses.

Van Buren County recorded 17 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday, while Cass County recorded six. No new deaths were recorded in either county.

Autopsies may provide answers in deaths of 3 from Bay City

WEST BRANCH (AP) — A northern Michigan sheriff said there are many "unanswered questions" after the bodies of a man, a woman and their young son were found over the weekend in a remote area.

The bodies were discovered Saturday by a snowmobiler in Ogemaw County. All three were outside a pickup truck, which appeared to be stuck on a rock, Sheriff Brian Gilbert said.

Autopsies are scheduled for Wednesday, Gilbert said.

"We haven't found anything else out," the sheriff said Tuesday. "The autopsy will tell us the story. The unanswered questions will come out."

Amanda Pomeroy, Douglas Dougherty and son Jacob lived in Bay City and were reported missing on Jan. 16. The boy was under a year old. They were last seen visiting family in Ogemaw County.

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Biden needs to aim higher on vaccines

Jonah Goldberg

We are far from the destination, but the return to normalcy has begun – and so have the normal games presidents play.

Donald Trump said many times that COVID-19 would just "disappear," as if it were so much fake news ginned up to help Democrats. At one campaign stop, he railed, "COVID, COVID, COVID, COVID. ... On Nov. 4, you won't hear about it anymore."

Of course, he was wrong about the disease simply vanishing. More than 420,000 Americans have died of COVID-19 --surpassing the number of U.S. soldiers who died in combat in both world wars and the Vietnam War combined. (That stark figure is 392,393, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.) And just because the spin from the newly installed Joe Biden White House isn't as remotely egregious or reality-defying as what many of us became accustomed to over the last four years, "better than Trump" isn't a standard worth bragging about.

Every new administration likes to reset political expectations. Staff members arrive at their new offices, look at the books and declare, "Dear Lord! It's so much worse than we ever imagined." Normally, the calamity being discovered is economic. This time it's the pandemic.

"Biden inheriting nonexistent coronavirus vaccine distribution plan and must start 'from scratch,' sources say," read the headline on a CNN article typical of the coverage. "There is nothing for us to rework. We are going to have to build everything from scratch," one unnamed source was quoted as saying.

Separately, Jeff Zients, the newly installed White House coronavirus czar, told reporters, "What we're inheriting from the Trump administration is so much worse than we could have imagined."

To his credit, Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Biden's chief medical adviser, pushed back, albeit with mild understatement: "We're certainly not starting from scratch, because there is activity going on in the distribution," he said last week.

On Trump's final day in office, some 1.5 million people were vaccinated. That was a high point. During Trump's final week in office, the seven-day average was 912,000 per day.

In other words, Biden set the original bar way too low. To reach the million-per-day target, we'd need only 78,000 additional vaccinations per day above the pre-Biden rate. Vaccinate two extra people per day in every ZIP code in America, and you've done it.

Thus, it was good news Monday, that Biden relented and raised the target to 1.5 million vaccinations per day. But he's still playing catch-up with facts on the ground in order to keep expectations in check. We're now at 1.25 million vaccinations per day. Perhaps Biden is scarred from the overpromising of the stimulus and shovel-ready jobs that ended up stinging the Obama administration. Indeed, it might be better for him politically to set expectations low so that the administration can wildly exceed them – and I hope he does – but how does that benefit the country?

Biden says he wants the federal government to respond to this crisis as if it were a war. Well, what kind of war? The modern kind, where a handful of people do almost everything while the rest of society and government are spectators? We haven't fully mobilized the country for war since WWII, and if that's the model, the Biden administration is falling far short of the mark.

FDR put Lieutenant General Leslie Groves, the man who built the Pentagon in 16 months, in charge of the Manhattan Project. Historian Paul Johnson tells the story of Groves calling the Treasury Department and demanding thousands of tons of silver for electrical wiring. The response from a vexed official: "In the Treasury we do not speak of tons of silver. Our unit is the troy ounce." Groves got his silver because fastidious bureaucratic pettifogging was no match for a nation mobilized.

That's the spirit people want from government right now, at all levels. But last week, Biden said the federal government's implementation of a vaccination program was "too rigid." Ron Klain, Biden's chief of staff, was asked Sunday on "Meet the Press" about the possibility – floated by Democratic Govs. Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan and Andrew Cuomo of New York – of allowing states to cut out the middleman and purchase vaccines directly. "I don't think that's possible," Klain replied, because the emergency-use authorization of the existing vaccines requires federal oversight. That sounds awfully rigid to me.

Similarly, the United Kingdom has already approved the AstraZeneca vaccine for emergency use, and the European Union could approve it this week. Under normal circumstances, I'd say the U.S. should wait for our Food and Drug Administration to finish scrutinizing the AstraZeneca vaccine before adding it to our COVID-19 arsenal. But these aren't normal times.

And we will never have a true return to normalcy until the pandemic is behind us.

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Biden immigration plan scoffs at bipartisanship

Ramesh Ponnuru

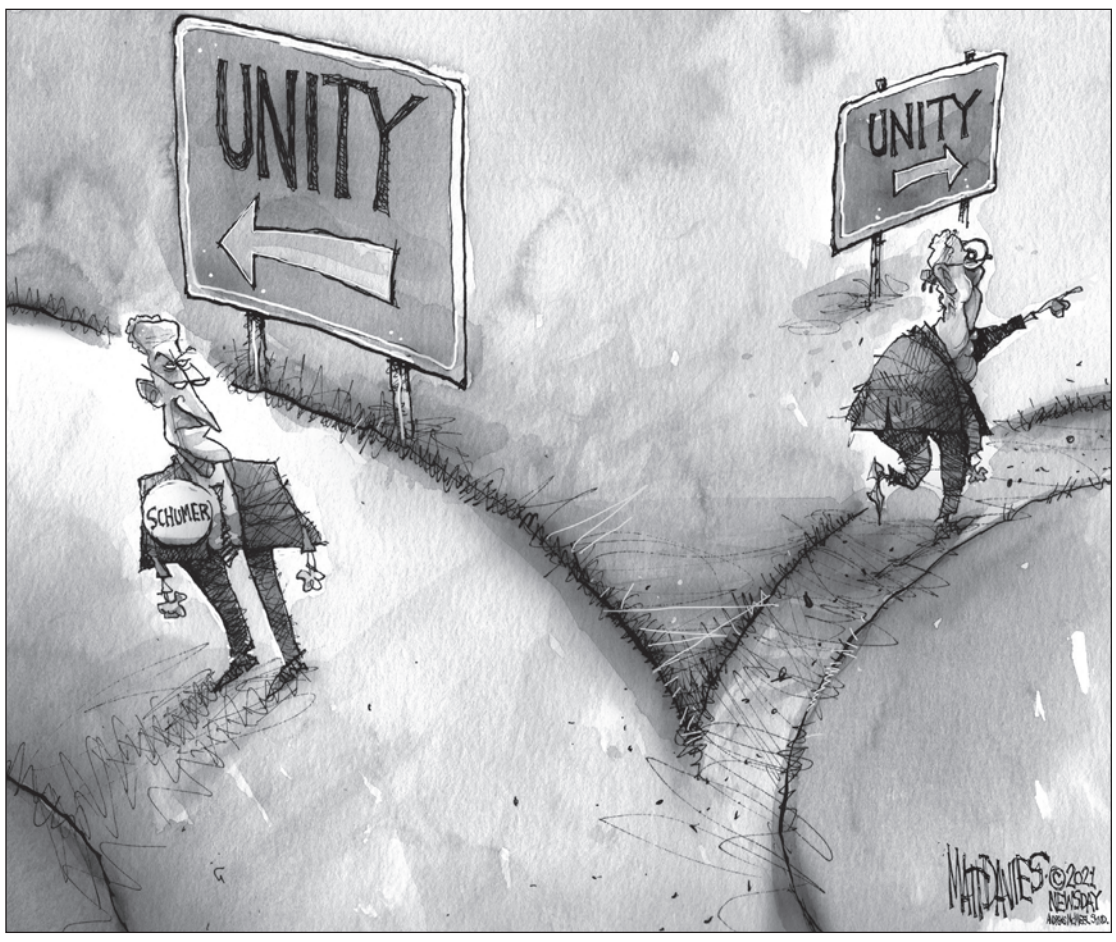
President Joe Biden's proposal to overhaul the immigration laws could hardly be worse as a means of creating bipartisan consensus in Congress. It works as a way to keep the Democratic coalition happy, but not to get anything done.

The party's most vocal activists on immigration think they got short-changed the last time a Democratic president took office. In 2009, President Barack Obama had a solidly Democratic Congress but did not push to give legal status to illegal immigrants. By the time he made it a priority, the Democratic majority had vanished. Obama was able to suspend enforcement of some immigration laws, but not to change them.

Biden has heard the complaints. He also knows that his party has been turning against immigration enforcement. And so his early moves have been to call a halt to deportations, stop building a wall at the border, and propose a bill that combines a sweeping legalization of undocumented immigrants with small increases in legal immigration.

This is not going to pass Congress. The last time Congress came close to enacting immigration legislation was in 2013, when 14 Senate Republicans and 54 Democrats supported a more modest reform bill. It failed because most Republicans, who at that time ran the House of Representatives, objected to giving legal status to illegal immigrants, at least without stronger efforts to prevent illegal immigration in the future.

Republican support will be less forthcoming this time. The new proposal has much less to attract Republicans than the old one did. Republicans have also, in the interim, made their own shift on immigration, moving in the opposite direction from the Democrats. Only five of the Republicans who backed the 2013 bill are still in the Senate, and two of them – Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Marco Rubio of Florida – have criticized Biden's plan.



Sen. Tom Cotton, an Arkansas Republican often discussed as a possible presidential candidate for 2024, is already leading opposition to it.

"We should never support an amnesty-first, enforcement-never bill that also vastly expands the number of guest-worker visas for foreign workers to come and take American jobs," he tells me. He believes the bill is too flawed to provide even a basis for negotiation. The lesson he draws from the immigration legislation of recent decades is simple: "You always get the amnesty or the expanded immigration and you hardly ever get the enforcement."

The tragedy of Biden's choice is that even in today's polarized politics, a bipartisan deal on immigration ought to be possible. Republicans are open in principle to providing legal status for some illegal immigrants. Cotton himself sponsored legislation to legalize those who came here as minors. Democrats, for the most part, have not shut the door to requiring employers to verify that new hires are legal.

A deal that included both measures – legalization for a large share of the illegal-immigrant population and enforcement focused on employers – might have a chance of breaking the decadeslong impasse on immigration. Republicans would then have less fear that legalization would be followed by more illegal immigration and then another round of legalization in the future.

Democrats, meanwhile, would have less fear that enforcement-first would mean legalization-never. In addition to being worthwhile legislation in its own right, such a bill could boost confidence enough that progress could later be made on other aspects of immigration – such as changing the legal-immigration system to put greater emphasis on skills, and providing legal status for other illegal immigrants who have put down roots here and contributed to our country.

It's a legislative strategy that would showcase what Biden considers a great strength of his: that he can broker deals on seemingly intractable problems. Instead, he has chosen what amounts to checking a box for his supporters while fundamentally altering nothing. He is setting up a debate that lets Democrats portray Republicans as hostile to immigrants while Republicans fire back that Democrats are weak on enforcement.

It's a plan, in short, to deepen our country's political polarization over immigration.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Keep the heat on Putin to free Alexei Navalny

Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny was the victim of poisoning last year. But to an increasing number of Russians, it's President Vladimir Putin who's toxic.

That much was clear last weekend after thousands of Russians in more than 100 cities braved brutal cold and the brutality of security services (who detained more than 3,000) to protest Navalny's arrest after he returned from Germany, where he was recovering from the near-fatal August poisoning.

The Kremlin denies complicity in the attempted murder. But the use of the government-controlled Novichok nerve agent, let alone one of the alleged agents behind the hit confessing his culpability – on a recorded phone call to Navalny, no less – point directly at Putin's government.

Russia's rulers had ignored news of Navalny, but that tone changed sharply after the scale of the protests unnerved Moscow. Now Putin's puppetlike media has changed tactics, demonizing Navalny and his movement, in part by characterizing the show of support from Western officials as a sign that Navalny is working against the country's interests.

The opposite is true. The nation's citizens should see the evidence of the obscene corruption of Russia's leaders.

Western governments should continue to speak up for Navalny's release on trumped-up charges, and against human rights abuses by Russia. They should take a cue from the U.S. State Department's strong condemnation of "the use of harsh tactics against protesters and journalists," which "follows years of tightening restrictions on and repressive actions against civil society, independent media, and the political opposition."

The statement ended by saying that "the United States will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our allies and partners in defense of human rights – whether in Russia or wherever they come under threat."

The unequivocal statement signals a welcome return to the support of universal values including human rights and democracy.

That doesn't mean that Washington can't work with Moscow on other issues, such as Biden's bid to extend the New START nuclear treaty with Russia, as well as addressing pressing issues involving Iran, North Korea, Syria and others.

– (Minneapolis) Star Tribune

The folly of the eviction moratorium

Steve Chapman

On his first day as president, Joe Biden reversed a raft of Donald Trump's ill-conceived policies – and then adopted one of them as his very own. He extended the federal moratorium on evictions.

The purpose was commendable: to prevent renters from losing shelter amid a pandemic. Tossing families onto the street and packing them into shelters would be a boon to COVID-19. Workers who have lost jobs in the crisis can hardly be blamed if they lack the money to keep a roof over their heads. The moratorium blocks landlords from banishing tenants for not paying rent, though the renters are not relieved of what they owe.

Back in the spring, when the nation faced a sudden catastrophe, the eviction freeze made sense as a temporary necessity. As a lasting remedy, though, it is riddled with flaws.

Keeping people in their homes is valuable for preventing infections. It averts severe hardship to individuals and neighborhoods. It works to the benefit of the public as a whole, not just tenants. But the eviction moratorium sends the bill for that benefit to a small group of people: property owners. Because we all gain from protecting renters, we all should swallow our share of the cost through that old-fashioned mechanism known as taxes.

Not all renters need protection right now, but the help isn't limited to those who do. People with secure jobs and good incomes can forgo paying as long as the moratorium lasts. And what assurance do property owners have that they'll ever see a dime? When the rent finally comes due, tenants could stiff the proprietor, take the funds they saved and find new quarters.

Many landlords depend on rents for their own livelihood. Forcing them to provide free housing is an onerous burden. Even during the pandemic, they have to cover property taxes, maintenance costs, insurance, mortgages and other fees.

They're not the only ones who suffer from the moratorium. Brookings Institution economist Jenny Schuetz points out that "many of the expenses incurred by landlords are actually the wages of other workers." If property owners can't pay their property taxes, local governments will have even greater trouble funding public health services and other functions. Landlords who lose income will have less to spend, to the sorrow of other businesses, not to mention the economy.

If we want to spare tenants from seeing their belongings piled on the sidewalk, there is a better way: Give them money or other direct help. The rescue package approved by Congress last month provided $25 billion for emergency rental assistance, but the total unpaid rent is already in the neighborhood of $70 billion, and it's getting bigger every month. House Democrats wanted to include $100 billion for renters, but they couldn't get it.

The measure boosts unemployment benefits by $300 a week, which will help. But the 11.4 million tenants who are behind on their rent owe an average of $6,000 each. The $600-per-person stimulus checks, which Biden wants to supplement with another $1,400, will also provide some relief, but they are not targeted to Americans who really need the money.

With previous stimulus payments, a household with a yearly income as high as $150,000 was entitled to the full amount. The $166 billion to finance the $600 payments would go a long way if it were limited to hardship cases instead of being sprayed around indiscriminately. Congress could also divert the money to landlords who have lost earnings.

The moratorium does nothing to address the long-term problem, namely, the persistent lack of affordable housing. In recent decades, rents have been rising faster than income. The result, according to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard, is that 10.8 million American households now spend more than half their income on rent.

Governments could ease the crunch by lifting regulations that restrict development and raise the cost of building new units. Washington could spend more for rental assistance or public housing. But depriving landlords of income for months on end will only discourage investment in rental properties. The long-term effect of temporarily blocking evictions will be to leave tenants with fewer places to live.

In the past four years, we've learned to be on the constant lookout for administration policies spawned by callousness and cruelty. In the next four, we should keep in mind that harm can also come from good intentions.

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Susan Crowley, a 75-year-old retired attorney, sits outside her home in Hood River, Ore., on Jan. 23. Crowley submitted public comments to Oregon's vaccine advisory committee to criticize the state's controversial decision to vaccinate its teachers and early childhood care givers ahead of its oldest residents.

Who goes first? Vaccine rollout forces stark moral choices

By GILLIAN FLACCUS and SARA CLINE
Associated Press

Susan Crowley plays in her garden with her dog, Mollie, at her home in Hood River, Ore., on Jan. 23.

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — As COVID-19 surged, retired attorney Susan Crowley did some simple math and discovered a chilling fact: people over 60 made up 91 percent of coronavirus deaths in Oregon. So the 75-year-old was shocked when the state started vaccinating teachers this week before senior citizens in a push to get children back into classrooms.

"I look at these figures and I am literally afraid. It's not just a question of missing beers with my friends. It's a question of actually being afraid that if I am not careful, I will die," she said. "The thing that is so upsetting to me is that seniors don't matter, the elderly don't matter. And it's painful to hear that implication."

Democratic Gov. Kate Brown has defended her decision, choking up in a recent news conference because she said she "knows of families where 12- and 13-year-olds are attempting suicide" because of social isolation. Meanwhile, her sister, a cancer survivor, is being asked return to her Minnesota classroom without a vaccine, Brown told The Associated Press.

"No matter what you do, people aren't happy," she said. "The teachers in Minnesota are furious at the governor because they are doing seniors first. And here, the seniors are furious at me because I am doing teachers first. There are no right answers, and there are no easy decisions."

With a mass vaccination campaign underway, the U.S. is facing a moral dilemma as officials from California to New Jersey decide who gets the shots first. Everyone from the elderly and those with chronic medical conditions to communities of color and front-line workers are clamoring for the scarce vaccine – and each group has a compelling argument for why they should get priority.

It has local health officials and volunteer advisory committees doing ethical gymnastics the likes of which haven't been seen since the military's rationing of a new wonder drug – penicillin – during World War II or the decision to give white men first access to life-saving dialysis machines in the 1960s, when the new technology was in short supply.

Hospitals and medical professionals make such moral decisions when triaging emergency room patients in a disaster or ranking recipients for organ transplants, said Courtney Campbell, an ethics professor at Oregon State University. But what's happening now is on such a large scale that ordinary people – not just public health officials – are reckoning with questions of who is most important to society and why, he said.

"We're being asked to emphasize some of our shared national values. ... We're being called to treat other persons as equals, and that means equals in the sight of the law, but also moral equals, so that matters of privilege or wealth or socioeconomic status get leveled out," he said. "This is a time when we get tested as to whether we're going to walk the talk."

While the nationwide priority has been inoculating health care workers and those in nursing homes, the decisions get more difficult deeper into the vaccine rollout. Federal guidance says states should prioritize the elderly, front-line essential workers and those with underlying medical conditions in the next phases, but ultimately it's up to state and local officials to decide how to distribute the shots.

Complicating matters is the nation's vaccine distribution has been marked by disarray and confusion. States have complained about shortages and inadequate deliveries that have forced them to cancel mass vaccination events and appointments.

Originally, Oregon's governor said teachers and residents over 65 would both be eligible this week but rolled that back because supplies weren't there. Now, the state's vaccine advisory committee is wrestling with how to prioritize the next groups.

In emotional, tense exchanges at a recent meeting, members debated the hypothetical merits of giving the vaccine to a tribal elder who's one of the last speakers of their language versus a teacher or a migrant worker who puts food on people's tables. Some advocated vaccinating all people of color first, regardless of age or health, while others favored giving the shots to those with certain chronic conditions, regardless of race.

Oregon is focused on fairness in vaccine access for marginalized communities. Other states, like New Jersey, raised eyebrows by putting smokers toward the front of the line. In Mississippi, authorities are trying to address disparities that show 70 percent of the vaccine has gone to white residents by establishing a drive-through clinic at a stadium in Jackson, a majority Black city.

Oregon lawmakers of color wrote a letter urging the vaccine advisory committee to prioritize low-income seniors, inmates and front-line workers instead of solely focusing on racial minorities, saying doing so would reach many people of color.

"We are concerned about the way this is being framed and how these groups ... are pitted against each other and against BIPOC communities in general," the letter said, using an acronym for Black, Indigenous and people of color.

Dr. Kalani Raphael, a kidney specialist at Oregon Health & Science University and a Native Hawaiian on the advisory committee, said minority communities' health care experiences are often invisible, particularly with COVID-19. He pointed to the death of a friend, a Utah community organizer, who got the virus after working to improve health care access for other Pacific Islanders.

"She was getting better. And then she just dropped dead at home, right in front of her kids," said Raphael, his voice heavy with emotion. "These stories, to me, re-center the problem in these communities that are invisible and give them the support and attention and seriousness they deserve."

While Oregon health officials grapple with who will be eligible next, vaccines started Monday for teachers and early childhood educators. More than 90 percent of students have been studying online for nearly 11 months.

Student-run free grocery store helps feed the hungry

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO
Associated Press

Traditional school stores might offer snacks and knickknacks, school gear and notebooks – but the one at Linda Tutt High School in Sanger, Texas, has a very different inventory and clientele.

At Linda Tutt you can get everything from produce, milk and eggs to pasta, peanut butter and canned goods to dishwasher soap and laundry detergent. Students and staff can shop there, but on Tuesdays the store is open to the community.

And it's all free.

"I like seeing their smiles, seeing how appreciative they are, and knowing that they are thankful that we're doing something like this," said Hunter Weertman, a 16-year-old junior who stocks shelves and takes inventory at the store housed in an unused art room. It has been open since November.

The idea is to provide students with job skills, and at the same time help students, staff and local residents who are in need. And the store has one more purpose: teaching the youngsters the value of giving back to their community.

"I've really seen the students take pride in working in the store," principal Anthony Love said. "They're excited about coming to school. They're excited about helping in the grocery store and just being a part of it."

Residents who shop at the store are assigned a number of points – the larger the family, the more points they receive and the more merchandise they can "buy." There's no in-person shopping because of the pandemic, so instead they fill out a list and students bring their groceries to their cars.

About 130 families have used the store, Love said.

Each week, the store's staffers package groceries for students who qualify for the Friday Backpack Program because their families need additional food for the weekend.

In addition to family points, students earn points for their work in the store or for doing other tasks at the school such as gardening, mentoring elementary schoolchildren or helping in the cafeteria. And they can garner even more points for outstanding classroom performance or being kind to others.

The town of about 8,000 people northwest of Dallas knows poverty – more than 43 percent of the district's students are considered economically disadvantaged. It also has had to deal with the coronavirus; the opening of the store was delayed by a month after Love was treated at a hospital for COVID-19.

The idea came from Paul Juarez, the executive director of First Refuge Ministries, a nonprofit that funds the project through a grant from the faith-based medical group Texas Health Resources. Juarez, who began to work as a package clerk at a grocery store at age 16 and moved up to management, said he has been getting calls from schools across the United States.

Death notices

Jearldine Cole, 81, of Watervliet died Jan. 23, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor, 926-7222.

Randall Gray Sr., 61, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 24, 2021, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

George L. Lane, 83, of Watervliet died Jan. 26, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

1st private space crew paying $55M each to fly to station

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The first private space station crew was introduced Tuesday: three men who are each paying $55 million to fly on a SpaceX rocket.

They'll be led by a former NASA astronaut now working for Axiom Space, the Houston company that arranged the trip for next January.

"This is the first private flight to the International Space Station. It's never been done before," said Axiom's chief executive and president Mike Suffredini, a former space station program manager for NASA.

While mission commander Michael Lopez-Alegria is well known in space circles, "the other three guys are just people who want to be able to go to space, and we're providing that opportunity," Suffredini told The Associated Press.

The first crew will spend eight days at the space station, and will take one or two days to get there aboard a SpaceX Dragon capsule following liftoff from Cape Canaveral.

Russia has been in the off-the-planet tourism business for years, selling rides to the International Space Station since 2001. Other space companies like Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic and Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin plan to take paying customers on up-and-down flights lasting just minutes. These trips – much more affordable with seats going for hundreds of thousands versus millions – could kick off this year.

Axiom's first customers include Larry Connor, a real estate and tech entrepreneur from Dayton, Ohio, Canadian financier Mark Pathy and Israeli businessman Eytan Stibbe, a close friend of Israel's first astronaut Ilan Ramon, who was killed in the space shuttle Columbia accident in 2003.

"These guys are all very involved and doing it for kind of for the betterment of their communities and countries, and so we couldn't be happier with this makeup of the first crew because of their drive and their interest," Suffredini said.

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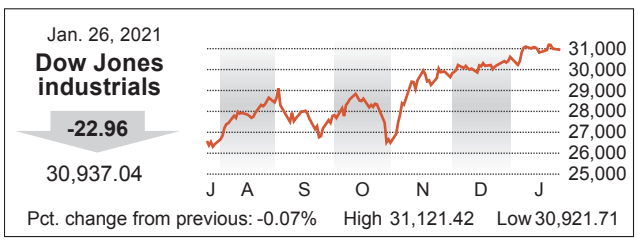

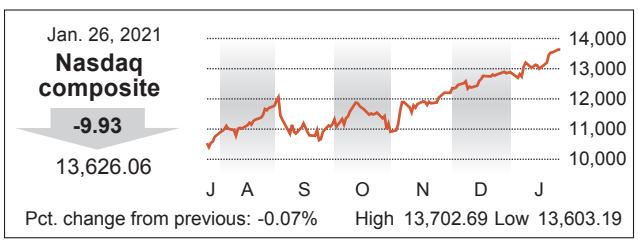

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Pfizer	PFE	27.88	43.08	37.31	+.03	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
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TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	160.83	151.89	-4.25	-2.7	▼	▲	▲
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VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	61.95	56.57	-1.85	-3.2	▼	▼	▼
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WalMart	WMT	102.00	153.66	147.51	+1.31	+0.9	▲	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	33.36	54.53	49.19	+1.37	+2.9	▲	▲	▲
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.91	21.07	+.32	+1.5	▲	▼	▼
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	210.78	206.42	+3.40	+1.7	▲	▲	▲
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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1996 – 25 years ago

Cindy Tobias and library page Jey Dixon assembled an "igloo" with 324 plastic milk jugs for an exhibit in the children's section of Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library in St. Joseph. Tobias, a substitute teacher, saw the idea in a teachers magazine. Library workers and patrons have been donating milk jugs since September for the project.

1986 – 35 years ago

The Benton Harbor City Commission is going to hold a public hearing and special meeting to consider an application for a federal grant to help finance a 746-slip marina in the city. William Lilly, deputy city manager, said before the city commission meeting that the Urban Development Action Grant the city is applying for would total $1.5 million. Lilly refused to comment on where the marina was to be built or to identify the developers. A source inside the city government told The Herald-Palladium the proposed marina is to be built in a marsh area off the Paw Paw River, around the old Superior Steel property.

1971 – 50 years ago

Benton Harbor Principal David Hartenbach announced that seniors who have the required 18 units of credit for graduation are eligible to enroll at Lake Michigan College on a shared time basis. Students must take at least one class at the high school to qualify for their eighth semester of residence. Up to four classes can be taken at LMC.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2021. There are 338 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 27, 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

On this date:

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1901, opera composer Giuseppe Verdi died in Milan, Italy, at age 87.

In 1944, during World War II, the Soviet Union announced the complete end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1945, during World War II, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

In 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft.

In 1972, "Queen of Gospel" Mahalia Jackson, 60, died in Evergreen Park, Ill.

In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, greeted the 52 former American hostages released by Iran at the White House.

In 1984, singer Michael Jackson suffered serious burns to his scalp when pyrotechnics set his hair on fire during the filming of a Pepsi-Cola TV commercial at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Scattered Snow
29°	18°	27° / 17°	28° / 19°	31° / 23°	34° / 26°

Local Outlook

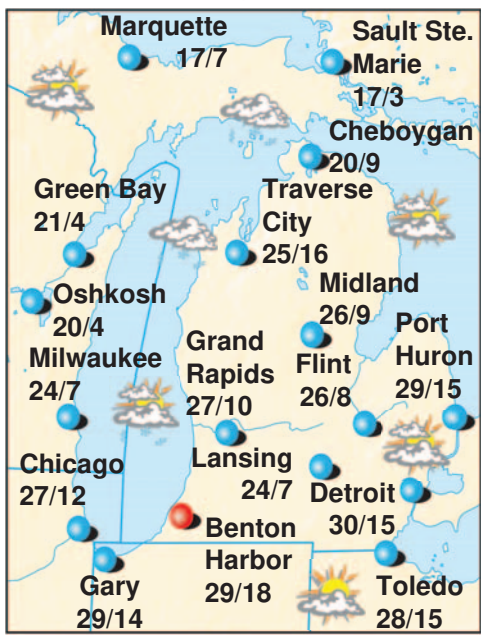
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 29°, humidity of 68%. North northeast wind 7 to 13 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:03 a.m.
Sunset	5:54 p.m.
Moonrise	4:42 p.m.
Moonset	7:31 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
1/28	2/4	2/11	2/19

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	32°
Low	28°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	56° in 2018
Record Low	-1° in 2019

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.96"
Normal for month	1.47"
Year to date	0.96"
Normal Year to date	1.47"

Air Quality

Yesterday	64
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

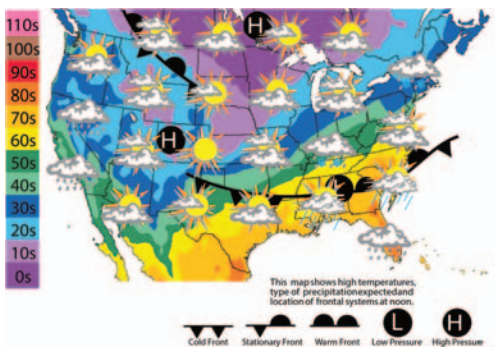
Weather Trivia

Where are the sun's rays directly hitting the earth's surface on March 21st?

Answer: The sun's rays directly strike the Equator twice each year. Once on March 21st and again on September 21st.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 27, 2021



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, N wind 7 to 14 kt. A chance of snow showers. Waves 2 to 3 ft. Water temperature 33 degrees. Tonight, N wind 14 to 19 kt decreasing to 6 to 11 kt. A chance of snow showers.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy to cloudy with scattered snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. North wind 6 to 10 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with isolated snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. West northwest wind 6 to 13 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers, highs in the 20s and 30s. North northeast wind 7 to 13 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with isolated snow showers, highs in the 20s. West southwest wind 5 to 8 mph.

Studies extend hopes for antibody drugs against COVID-19

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

New results extend hopes for drugs that supply antibodies to fight COVID-19, suggesting they can help keep patients out of the hospital and possibly prevent illness in some uninfected people.

Eli Lilly said Tuesday that a two-antibody combo reduced the risk of hospitalizations or death by 70 percent in newly diagnosed, non-hospitalized COVID-19 patients at high risk of serious illness because of age or other health conditions. All 10 deaths that occurred in the study were among those receiving placebo rather than the antibodies.

Separately, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc. said partial results from an ongoing study suggest its drug combo completely prevented symptomatic infections in housemates of someone with COVID-19. Importantly, the drug was given as multiple shots rather than through an IV. The need for an infusion has greatly limited the use of antibody drugs in the pandemic because of health care shortages.

None of the new results have been published or reviewed by other scientists, and the Regeneron ones were based on only one quarter of patients in its study and were not a planned early analysis.

Antibodies are proteins that attach to a virus and block it from infecting cells, but it takes several weeks after infection or vaccination for the most effective ones to form. The drugs aim to help right away, by supplying concentrated doses of one or two antibodies that worked best against the coronavirus in lab tests.

U.S. regulators have allowed emergency use of some Lilly and Regeneron antibodies for mild or moderate COVID-19 cases that do not require hospitalization while studies of them continued.

The drugs are also being tested to prevent infection in those at high risk of it. That's called "passive vaccination" because it supplies antibodies rather than prompts the body to make them. Both companies are asking regulators to expand authorization of their drugs based on the new findings.

Regeneron's results were on the first 409 people in a study that has enrolled more than 2,000 so far. All tested negative for the virus but live with someone who has COVID-19.

There were roughly half as many infections among those given the drug versus a placebo, and none on the drug developed any symptoms. Infections also were shorter and the amount of virus lower among those given the drug.

Lilly's new results were from a study of 1,035 non-hospitalized patients recently diagnosed with COVID-19. About 2 percent on the drug were later hospitalized or died versus 7 percent of the placebo group.

Last week, Lilly said one of the two antibodies helped prevent illness among residents and staff of nursing homes in a different study. The four deaths that occurred in that study were all among those given placebo.

VACCINE

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vaccines. It was not immediately clear how long the surge of doses could be sustained.

Governors and top health officials have been increasingly raising the alarm about inadequate supplies and the need for earlier and more reliable estimates of how much vaccine is on the way so that they can plan.

Biden's team held its first virus-related call with the nation's governors on Tuesday and pledged to provide states with firm vaccine allocations three weeks ahead of delivery.

Biden's announcement came a day after he grew more bullish about exceeding his vaccine pledge to deliver 100 million injections in his first 100 days in office, suggesting that a rate of 1.5 million doses per day could soon be achieved.

The administration has also promised more openness and said it will hold news briefings three times a week, beginning Wednesday, about the outbreak that has killed over 420,000 Americans.

"We appreciate the administration stating that it will provide states with slightly higher allocations for the next few weeks, but we are going to need much more supply," said Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican.

The setup inherited from the Trump administration has been marked by miscommunication and unexplained bottlenecks, with shortages reported in some places even as vaccine doses remain on the shelf.

Officials in West Virginia, which has had one of the best rates of administering vaccine, said they have fewer than 11,000 first doses on hand even after this week's shipment.

Evan Vucci / AP photo

President Joe Biden delivers remarks on COVID-19, in the State Dining Room of the White House on Tuesday in Washington.

"I'm screaming my head off" for more, Republican Gov. Jim Justice said.

California, which has faced criticism over a slow vaccine rollout, announced Tuesday that it is centralizing its hodgepodge of county systems and streamlining appointment sign-up, notification and eligibility. Residents have been baffled by the varying rules in different counties.

And in Colorado, Democratic Gov. Jared Polis said that the limited supply of vaccine from the federal government is prompting the state to repurpose second doses as first doses, though he expects that people scheduled for their second shot will still be able to keep their appointments.

The weekly allocation cycle for first doses begins on Monday nights, when federal officials review data on vaccine availability from manufacturers to determine how much each state can have. Allocations are based on each jurisdiction's population of people 18 and older.

States are notified on Tuesdays of their allocations through a computer network called Tiberius and other channels, after which they can specify where they want doses shipped. Deliveries start the following Monday.

A similar but separate process for ordering second doses, which must be given three to four weeks after the first, begins each week on Sunday night.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the CDC reported that just over half of the 44 million doses distributed to states have been put in people's arms. That is well short of the hundreds of millions of doses that experts say will need to be administered to achieve herd immunity and conquer the outbreak.

The U.S. ranks fifth in the world in the number of doses administered relative to the country's population, behind No. 1 Israel, United Arab Emirates, Britain and Bahrain, according to the University of Oxford.

The reason more of the available shots in the U.S. haven't been dispensed isn't entirely clear. But many vaccination sites are apparently holding large quantities of vaccine in reserve to make sure people who have already gotten their first shot receive the required second one on schedule.

MOVE

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he said.

Applicants must be remote workers from out of state and must agree to list their new Southwest Michigan residence as their primary home. They also must obtain a mortgage from a local bank or credit union.

In addition to up to $15,000 toward the purchase of a home, the Move to Michigan campaign offers a choice of up to $5,000 in additional perks.

Some of those perks include memberships to the Renaissance Athletic Club, the Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan and the Harbor Shores driving range and practice area; car service to regional airports for one year, passes to the South Shore Rail to and from Chicago, annual passes to Berrien County parks and Twin City beaches, and VIP passes to the 2022 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

Cleveland said money to fund Move to Michigan does not come from investor or foundation funds, but is generated from past sales in real estate sold by Cornerstone Alliance.

Applications are currently closed, but people can find more information at www.movetomichigan.org.

If a second round of funding becomes available, Cleveland said, Cornerstone is likely to first pull from the 1,000 applicants from the first round.

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SIEGE

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FBI and the U.S. Marshals Service have been forced to send agents to track suspects down.

"Some of you have recognized that this was such an egregious incident that you've turned in your own friends and family members," Steven D'Antuono, the assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington office, said of the tipsters Tuesday. "We know that those decisions are often painful, but you picked up the phone because it's the right thing to do."

In the last few weeks, the FBI has received more than 200,000 photos and video tips related to the riot. Investigators have put up billboards in several states with photos of wanted rioters. Working on tips from co-workers, acquaintances and friends, agents have tracked down driver's license photos to match their faces with those captured on camera in the building. In some cases, authorities got records from Facebook or Twitter to connect their social media accounts to their email addresses or phone numbers. In others, agents used records from license plate readers to confirm their travels.

More than 800 are believed to have made their way into the Capitol, although it's likely not everyone will be tracked down and charged with a crime. Federal prosecutors are focusing on the most critical cases and the most egregious examples of wrongdoing. And they must weigh manpower, cost and evidence when charging rioters.

A special group of prosecutors is examining whether to bring sedition charges against the rioters, which carry up to 20 years in prison. One trio was charged with conspiracy; most have been charged with crimes like unlawful entry and disorderly conduct.

Acting U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin said prosecutors were "closely looking at evidence related to the sedition charges" and he believed "the results will bear fruit very soon."

Many rioters posted selfies inside the Capitol to their social media accounts, gave interviews to news outlets describing their experience and readily admitted when questioned by federal investigators that they were there. One man created a Facebook album titled "Who's House? OUR HOUSE" filled with photos of himself and others on Capitol grounds, officials said.

"They might have thought, like so many people that work with Trump, that if the president tells me to do it, it's not breaking the law," said Michael Gerhardt, an expert on impeachment and professor at the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Others made blunders, like a Houston police officer, who denied he went into the Capitol, then agreed to let agents look at the pictures on his phone. Inside his deleted photos folder were pictures and videos, including selfies he took inside the building, authorities said. Another man was wearing a court-ordered GPS monitor after a burglary conviction that tracked his every movement inside the building.

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Revisiting some favorite recipes

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Lakeshore's Strebeck awarded Evans Scholarship

By HP STAFF

STREBECK

Lakeshore High School student Brock Strebeck has been awarded the Evans Scholarship to Michigan State University.

The Evans Scholarship is a full, four-year housing and tuition scholarship awarded by the Western Golf Association to golf caddies.

Strebeck is an Honor Caddie at Point O'Woods Golf & Country Club in Benton Township.

The four criteria for selection are a strong caddie record, excellent academics, demonstrated financial need, and outstanding character.

"Brock Strebeck along with each of these deserving Evans Scholars epitomizes what our program has been about since its creation in 1930," Western Golf Association Chairman Kevin Buggy said in a news release. "Their dedication, hard work and sacrifice is humbling, and we are honored to be able to help them pursue their dreams."

Thirty-one students in Michigan were recently awarded the scholarship, and an estimated 285 across the country are expected to receive the honor once the process is completed in April.

"These young men and women have shown excellence in the classroom and in their communities, as well as on the golf course," John Kaczkowski, WGA President and CEO, said in a news release. "We welcome them to the Evans Scholars family."

Currently 1,045 caddies are enrolled at 18 universities across the nation as Evans Scholars, and more than 11,050 have graduated since the program was founded Chicago amateur golfer Charles "Chick" Evans Jr. in 1930.

Kathy Willens / AP

Boston Red Sox's Curt Schilling pitches against the Colorado Rockies in Game 2 of the World Series on Oct. 25, 2007 at Fenway Park in Boston.

Baseball Hall gets no new members; Schilling 16 votes shy

By JAKE SEINER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The baseball Hall of Fame won't have any new players in the class of 2021 after voters decided no one had the merits – on-the-field or off – for enshrinement in Cooperstown on this year's ballot.

Curt Schilling, Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens were among the closest in voting by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America released Tuesday, and the trio will have one more chance at election next year. It's the first time the BBWAA didn't choose anyone since 2013.

Schilling, a right-handed ace who won three World Series titles, finished 16 votes short of the 75 percent threshold necessary for enshrinement. He got 71.1 percent percent this time after coming up 20 votes shy at 70 percent last year.

Schilling's on-field accomplishments face little dispute, but Schilling has ostracized himself in retirement by directing hateful remarks toward Muslims, transgender people, journalists and others.

"It's all right, the game doesn't owe me anything," Schilling said during a live video stream on his Twitter account.

Bonds (61.8 percent) and Clemens (61.6 percent) joined Schilling in falling short on their ninth tries on the ballot. Both face strong PED suspicions, but Bonds has also been accused of domestic violence and Clemens of maintaining a decade-long relationship with a singer who was 15 when they met.

Schilling, Clemens and Bonds will be joined on next year's ballot by sluggers Alex Rodriguez and David Ortiz. Rodriguez was suspended for all of the 2014 season for violating MLB's PED policy and collective bargaining agreement, and Ortiz's name allegedly appeared on a list of players who tested positive in 2003.

Omar Vizquel, an 11-time Gold Glove winner, dropped from 52.6 percent last year to 49.1 percent after his wife accused him of repeated domestic abuses in December. Braves star Andruw Jones, arrested in 2012 on a domestic violence charge, got 33.9 percent in his fourth year. Rockies slugger Todd Helton, who pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to two days in jail last year, got 44.9 percent in his third time on the ballot.

Some players missed out over old-fashioned baseball disagreements, too. Slick-fielding third baseman Scott Rolen moved from 35.3 percent to 52.9 percent and hard-throwing closer Billy Wagner from 31.7 percent to 46.4%.

It's the 19th time the BBWAA has failed to elect a Hall member and just the third time since 1971. With the Hall of Fame's Era Committees postponing their scheduled elections until next offseason because of the pandemic, there won't be a 2021 Hall class.

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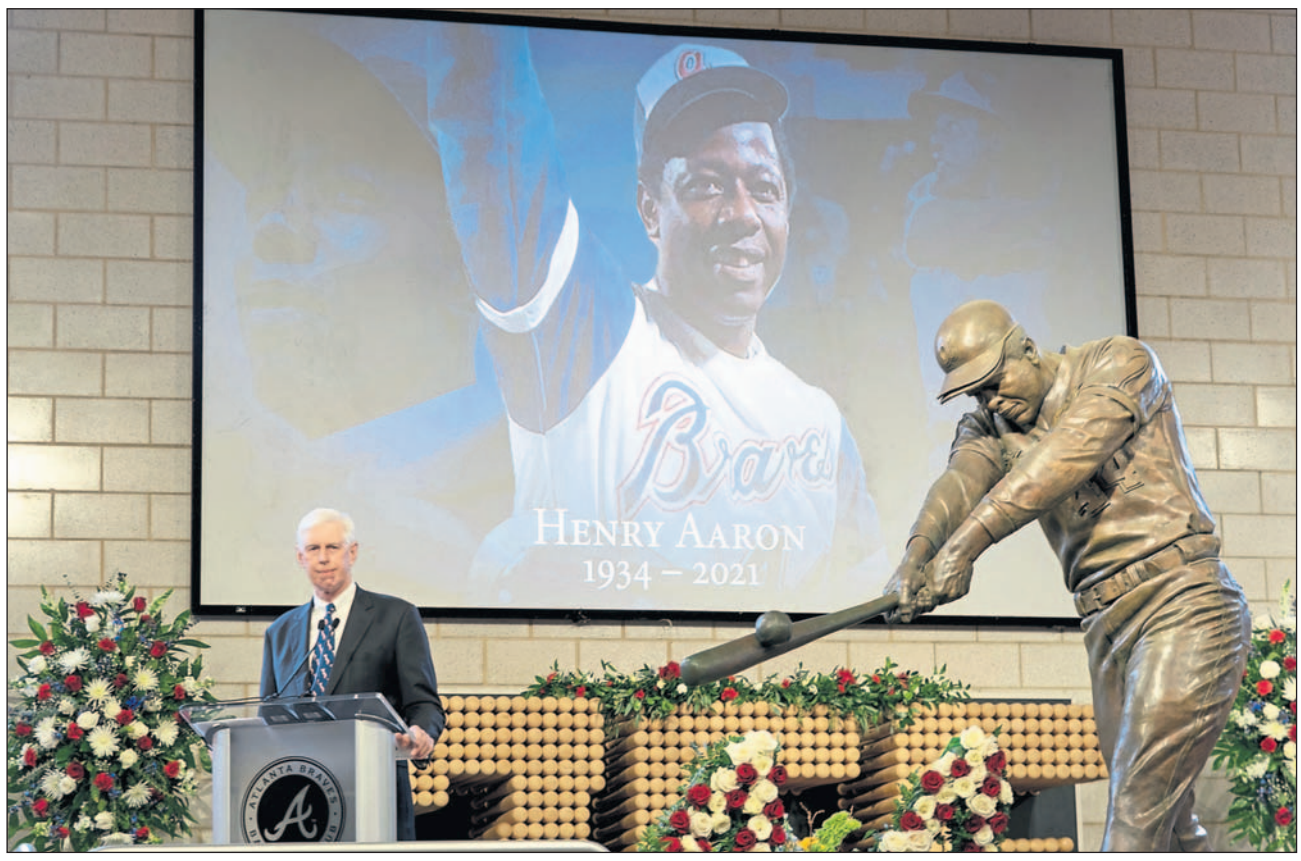

AP pool photo

Atlanta Braves Chairman Terry McGuirk speaks during "A Celebration of Henry Louis Aaron," a memorial service celebrating the life and enduring legacy of the late Hall of Famer on Tuesday in Atlanta.

Baseball gathers behind home plate to honor Hammerin' Hank

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Brian Snitker choked back tears as he remembered Hank Aaron's affection for those who didn't possess his unparalleled talent on the baseball field.

During his post-playing career running the Atlanta Braves farm system, the Hammer had a penchant for looking beyond the can't-miss prospects.

"He always wanted to move a player up, and he preferred that it wasn't the so-called bonus babies," said Snitker, who has managed the Braves since 2016 and got his start in the dugout thanks to Aaron. "He wanted to get that grinder guy, the guy who was overachieving."

Snitker was among those who spoke Tuesday at a memorial service honoring Aaron, who died last week from natural causes at the age of 86.

Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred, Hall of Famer Chipper Jones and former Braves outfielder Marquis Grissom were among those who spoke at the ceremony, which was held before a small, socially distanced crowd – including Aaron's widow, Billye, and other family members – on the concourse directly behind home plate at Truist Park.

The remarks were delivered in an exhibit known as Monument Garden, which prominently features a statue of Aaron delivering the swing that produced 755 homers.

Others sent videotaped tributes, including Baseball Hall of Famers John Smoltz and Tim Glavine, one-time Aaron teammate and current Houston Astros manager Dusty Baker, reigning National League MVP Freddie Freeman, and former Braves great Dale Murphy, who captured back-to-back MVP awards in the 1980s.

Aaron's famed No. 44 was painted in the dormant grass of center field. Braves Chairman Terry McGuirk noted the unseasonably warm January weather – the temperature climbed into the upper 60s – as a sign from above honoring one of the game's greatest icons.

Noting the 10 Baseball of Famers who have died in the past year, Manfred said the Aaron "belongs on our sport's Mount Rushmore. He stood – on and off the field – above all others."

Most of the remembrances focused on Aaron's humbleness and the impact he made after retiring as a player in 1976. Few spoke about him being the one who famously eclipsed Babe Ruth's home run record, or the unprecedented, two-decade-long run of sustained excellence that helped him establish several other marks that still stand today.

Snitker remembered being a non-descript minor leaguer who got a shot at another calling when Aaron offered

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Reed Hoffmann / AP

Kansas City Chiefs head coach Andy Reid walks on the field before the AFC championshipl game against the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

Chiefs coach Reid's patience in struggling players pays off

By DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mecole Hardman trudged to the sideline as the Bills trotted onto the field, then slumped onto the bench and tossed a huge Kansas City Chiefs coat over his head like a shroud as Buffalo took advantage of his fumbled punt for an easy touchdown.

It was an enormous mistake in the opening minutes of the AFC championship game on Sunday, and Chiefs coach Andy Reid could have easily given his young wide receiver the cold shoulder. Reid could have sent someone else back to field punts the rest of the game, or directed plays designed with Hardman in mind to his plethora of other playmakers.

Instead, the old coach went right back to him.

He had Patrick Mahomes throw a pass to Hardman two plays later, then capped the ensuing 80-yard drive by scripting an inside screen play for him that went for a touchdown. And when the Chiefs got the ball back again, the first play Reid called was an end-around that went for 50 yards, setting up another touchdown

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Importance of Senior Bowl increases in pandemic

By JOHN ZENOR
Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — With whistles blowing and players moving from station to station, everything appeared to be business as usual Tuesday at the Senior Bowl – even if things are anything but normal.

NFL coaches, scouts and executives watched prospects like Alabama quarterback Mac Jones, Sam Ehlinger of Texas and others try to improve their draft stock on the field.

The football aspect hasn't changed, but the importance of this weeklong audition for senior NFL prospects is magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic with no NFL draft combine this year.

"This is a great opportunity for us to see the players live, up close, meet with them, talk to them," said the Miami Dolphins' Brian Flores, who is coaching the National team. "Get some face time with them. Not on the iPhone but actual face time, literal face time, and get to know them as people, as players, things that make them tick. And we get to coach also. That's always fun.

"We're excited about this week and I think we'll get a lot out of it."

Among those going through practices are Heisman finalist Jones, who is vying for first-round status – along with players like Crimson Tide tailback Najee Harris, North Carolina linebacker Chazz Surratt and Wake Forest defensive lineman Carlos Basham Jr. Florida quarterback Kyle Trask, another Heisman finalist, pulled out of the game because of an ankle injury.

There's a dose of normalcy, on the field at least, in an abnormal pre-draft process.

The combine workouts will be held at schools' pro days, scouting trips were more limited during the fall, and it remains to be seen how much time teams will get to spend in person with prospects leading up to the draft.

So this is a critical stretch for some prospects and teams.

"This'll be the first eyeball test for them, and it will be the first time that anyone at the league level has actually sat across from any of these players," said Senior Bowl executive director Jim Nagy, a former NFL scout. "Now that the combine's been canceled, pro days are a little bit up in the air what that's gonna look like. The rest of the spring could be strictly Zooms again.

"For our 130 players, this is an opportunity to sit across from these NFL decision-makers with a nice 8-foot piece of plexiglass between them, safely, and share their stories. Kids will let the teams get a feel for who they are as people."

And they'll have the chance to meet plenty of top brass on hand – though handshakes and bro hugs are forbidden under the new rules of social distancing.

Arizona State wide receiver Frank Darby considered it the "biggest opportunity"

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REID

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that gave Kansas City a 14-9 lead.

"They're going to be with me. They're going to keep me up, keep me motivated – make sure I don't have my head down," Hardman said. "I was still mentally intact, but it's good the coaches still have confidence in you, call some plays for you to make some plays in the game. And the type of player I am, I'm going to take advantage of every opportunity I get."

The Chiefs never trailed again in a 38-24 victory that sent the defending champions back to the Super Bowl.

It's not the first time that Reid has stuck with a struggling player. Whether it's a quarterback that throws an interception or a wide receiver that drops a pass, chances are good that Reid will call specific plays to get them right back in the game.

Want another example? Think back to Sept. 8, 2017, when Kareem Hunt fumbled on his very first NFL carry.

The third-round pick, now with the Cleveland Browns, had put the Chiefs in a bind in their season opener in New England with his first fumble since his freshman year of college. But rather than sit the rookie, Reid leaned on Hunt the rest of the way, and he responded by carrying 14 times for 148 yards, catching five passes for 98 yards and scoring three TDs.

Reid downplayed the pep talk he gave to Hardman after the latest gaffe – Hardman has a troubling history of mistakes in the punt return game. But sometimes actions speak louder than words, and besides, he had special teams coordinator Dave Toub, wide receivers coach Greg Lewis and even quarterback Patrick Mahomes to help keep his spirits up.

"Listen, just bare down, focus, watch it all the way into the tuck. Basic fundamentals," Reid said. "Dave is the one that talked to him about all that, Greg talked to him, and then he was thrown back out there and given another chance, and he's made plays the last couple years. He had a muff; keep him in and let's go. That's what we did, dog-gone it."

Added his quarterback: "I just told him to keep his head up. We've been in that situation before," Mahomes said. "I told him he's going to make a play in this game that's going to change the game, and he made multiple of them."

The Chiefs could need him to make a few more against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. They have been without Sammy Watkins since Week 16 because of a calf injury, and the veteran wide receiver was a surprise scratch on Sunday, putting pressure on Hardman and fellow wide receiver Byron Pringle to continue to pick up the slack.

Good thing Hardman's feeling confident – thanks in large part to Reid – as Super Bowl practices get going.

"I think this team, we just have a goal in mind and we all want to achieve that goal, no matter what it takes," he said. "We are a group of guys that want to be perfect and strive for that perfection, no matter what we do. We could have done that better, this better, we left too many plays out there (against Buffalo). We always want to improve on what we do, and that's what separates us. I think we're going to take that same mentality into the Super Bowl."

SENIOR BOWL

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of his life, especially with the pandemic limiting the showcase opportunities for some others.

"I feel sorry for the people that aren't here today," Darby said. "Due to the combine going down, pro day for certain people, they don't get this opportunity to get looked at and seen by all 32 teams."

Each NFL team is only allowed to bring 10 officials into the bubble. So Nagy believed "the vast majority" of general managers would be attending, with a number of head coaches.

"The Senior Bowl always has tremendous value in the scouting process and this year probably even more so," Nagy said.

Carolina Panthers coach Matt Rhule, who is leading the American team, certainly agrees.

"I think that this is invaluable this year to have this opportunity," Rhule said. "No one knows what will happen after this. I think it's really smart of these guys to play in this game.

"I think we'll leave with a really good sense of these guys."

There are plenty of behind-the-scenes – and behind-the-screens – differences. Players, coaches and support staffers within the Senior Bowl bubble will be tested daily for the coronavirus.

The Senior Bowl is allowing a handful of injured players – including Alabama's Heisman Trophy-winning wide receiver DeVonta Smith and Ohio State tailback Trey Sermon – to attend practices and meetings and visit with officials from each NFL team.

Nagy makes it clear that's a onetime COVID-19 exemption not a precedent set-ter. Players also won't have roommates for a change and will eat meals in their hotel rooms instead of mingling with other players and coaches in the dining area.

Underclassmen like Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence, the likely No. 1 pick, and Ohio State's Justin Fields won't be allowed to take in practices and rub shoulders with NFL brass like some have elected to do in the past. They're not in the bubble, so NFL teams aren't allowed to meet with them leading up to Saturday's game.

The pandemic has already had an impact on preparations.

The Carolina Panthers staff, which is coaching the American team, couldn't all make it. Offensive coordinator Joe Brady, linebackers coach Mike Siravo and cornerbacks coach Evan Cooper are not attending the Senior Bowl due to COVID-19-related reasons.

HANK

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him his first managing job in 1982 with the Anderson Braves, a team in the Class A Sally League.

"The reason I'm here today is because of Hank Aaron," Snitker said, pausing the maintain his composure.

Snitker toiled in minor league obscurity through most of his coaching and managing career before finally getting the call to become Braves skipper at age 60. Since then, he has guided the team to three straight NL East titles, earning NL Manager of the Year honors in 2018.

"I'll miss the times he used to stop by, come by my office and we could just sit and talk," Snitker said. "I'll miss the friend and the mentor that I had in my life."

Jones recalled how Aaron pushed the Braves to select him with No. 1 overall pick in the 1990 amateur draft, when many considered pitcher Todd Van Poppel to be the leading prospect.

"Hank was very instrumental in me becoming an Atlanta Brave," Jones said. "The room of Braves decision-makers was split on who they were going to take with their first pick. As legendary scout Paul Snyder once told me, the vote came around to Hank. He paused, looked at everybody in the room, and he said, 'Y'all better draft that Jones boy.' I'll never forget that. That comment must've carried some weight."

Van Poppel didn't do much in the big leagues, finishing with a 40-52 record. Jones spent his entire career with the Braves and was inducted into Cooperstown in 2018.

Jones said he once asked Aaron – who played in an era which dominating pitchers such as Sandy Koufax, Bob Gibson and Juan Marichal – if he was ever intimidated at the plate.

"He said, 'Chipper, I fear no man when I have a bat in my hand,'" Jones said, breaking into a smile.

According to former Braves third baseman, Aaron could be summed up in one word.

Beautiful.

"His swing, his smile, his spirit," Jones said. "They were all beautiful."

A private funeral service for Aaron will be held Wednesday. He will be buried at historic South-View Cemetery, the city's oldest Black cemetery, where he will be interred alongside civil rights leaders such as John Lewis, Julian Bond and Martin Luther King Jr.

The Braves plan to honor Aaron during the upcoming season. McGuirk announced the first of those initiatives: a $1 million donation to establish the Henry Louis Aaron Fund, which will work to increase minority participation among players, managers, coaches and front-office personnel.

That was an issue that Aaron took a keen issue in throughout his life. He often criticized the lack of Black managers and general managers in Major League Baseball. He fretted fewer African-Americans were playing the game.

HALL

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Cooperstown won't be without celebration next summer, though. After the 2020 ceremony in the upstate New York village was canceled due to the pandemic, Yankees great Derek Jeter and five-tool star Larry Walker will take center stage on July 25, a year later than planned. They'll be honored alongside catcher Ted Simmons and late players' association chief Marvin Miller.

BBWAA members are instructed to elect Hall members "based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played."

At a time when social justice movements are pushing for a broader reckoning on sexual misconduct and racial inequality, character evaluation took on an outsized role in this election cycle. While the Hall's inductees already include racists, cheaters, philanderers and criminals, the current voting bloc has – narrowly, in many cases – taken a stand against candidates they think have insufficient integrity.

Schilling – a six-time All-Star over 20 seasons with Baltimore, Houston, Philadelphia, Arizona and Boston – has been embroiled in controversy throughout his retirement.

He launched a video game company, 38 Studios, that went bankrupt shortly after receiving a $75 million loan guarantee from Rhode Island, then was fired as an ESPN analyst after he sent tweets comparing Muslim extremists to Nazi-era Germans and posted derogatory Facebook comments about transgender people.

Months later, Schilling was again criticized after using social media to applaud a T-shirt calling for journalists to be lynched.

On Jan. 6, the day of the attack on the U.S. Capitol, he said the following in a message on his Twitter account:

"You cowards sat on your hands, did nothing while liberal trash looted rioted and burned for air Jordan's and big screens, sit back .... and watch folks start a confrontation for (expletive) that matters like rights, democracy and the end of govt corruption."

That tweet was sent a few days after Hall of Fame ballots were due.

Mike Roemer / AP

Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers evades a tackle as he looks to pass against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers during the second half of the NFC championship game Sunday.

Packers' Rodgers clarifies remarks about his future

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — All-Pro quarterback Aaron Rodgers says "I don't think there's any reason why I wouldn't be back" with the Green Bay Packers next season.

But he added that his future isn't necessarily in his control.

Rodgers was clarifying remarks he made Sunday after the Packers' 31-26 NFC championship game loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Rodgers said after the game "there's a lot of guys' futures that are uncertain, myself included."

"Obviously after the season I had, potentially winning MVP and we obviously made another good run, I don't think there's any reason why I wouldn't be back," Rodgers said Tuesday during his weekly spot on SiriusXM Radio's "The Pat McAfee Show." "But there's not many absolutes, as you guys know, in this business. So to make an absolute statement about something that is not an absolute, I didn't do it."

While discussing his postgame comments, Rodgers said Tuesday that it "just kind of hit me in the moment" as he was thinking about some teammates whose futures were uncertain. The Packers' list of potential free agents includes All-Pro center Corey Linsley and Pro Bowl running back Aaron Jones among others.

Rodgers was asked Tuesday if the comment about his uncertain future was an attempt to capitalize on his leverage after a season in which he earned All-Pro honors. Rodgers threw 48 touchdown passes and five interceptions during the regular season.

"I haven't even had the conversations yet," Rodgers said. "This is Day 2. Yesterday was exit meetings. I had my meetings with my quarterback coach and offensive coordinator, and you say goodbye to your teammates and you start to clear your locker out. But I'm around this week. It's not like jetting out of town and, 'Sayonara, Green Bay.'

"There's conversations to be had. I'm going to have them with the right people. But it's the same conversations we have every single year. There's no big, 'I'm going to come to the table with I need this, this and this.' We have honest conversations about where we're at every single year, whether that's with (general manager) Brian (Gutekunst), (coach) Matt (LaFleur), (CEO) Mark (Murphy). I've had these conversations for years. That's part of being a leader on the squad and having a pulse on the team and the direction we're going."

Rodgers has spent his entire NFL career in Green Bay and has three years remaining on the four-year, $118 million extension he signed in August 2018. The two-time MVP has said on multiple occasions that the Packers' decision to select Utah State quarterback Jordan Love in the first round of the 2020 draft complicated his hopes of finishing his career in Green Bay.

"Naturally there's times where you let your mind go to, 'Maybe I'm going to be a Packer for life,' or, 'I'm going to be like a Tim Duncan or a (Derek) Jeter or Kobe (Bryant) and play with one team my entire career,' " Rodgers said Tuesday. "I think naturally you dream about that. That's kind of like a dream scenario. I've talked about that for much of my career. I think when they drafted Jordan, it was more just like the reality kicking in, going, 'Hey, that's actually never the case. There are no absolutes in this business.'"

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bulls' Carter to miss at least a month with quad injury

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Bulls center Wendell Carter Jr. is expected to miss at least another month because of a bruised right quadriceps after an MRI on Tuesday confirmed the original diagnosis, the team announced.

Carter, averaging 12.8 points and eight rebounds, sat out the past three games following a collision in practice.

The team said he will be re-evaluated in four weeks.

It's the third straight season he will miss significant time because an injury.

The No. 7 overall pick in 2018, he played in just 44 games as a rookie. Last year, he appeared in 43 of Chicago's 65 games.

The Bulls are 7-10 in their first season under coach Billy Donovan. They are scheduled to host the Portland Trail Blazers on Saturday.

Lions hire Dave Fipp as special teams coordinator

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions hired Dave Fipp has their new special teams coordinator.

The Lions announced the move Tuesday night. Fipp held the same position with the Philadelphia Eagles for the past eight seasons, which included the team's first Super Bowl title.

In his eight seasons with the Eagles, they combined for nine kickoff and punt return touchdowns, tied for the second-most in the NFL.

Fipp was also an assistant special teams coach with the San Francisco 49ers from 2008-10, and he held the same position with the Miami Dolphins from 2011-12.

AP sources: Phillies, Realmuto agree on $115.5 million deal

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The "Sign J.T." chants from fans gathered outside the ballpark during the pandemic-altered season and echoed by Bryce Harper and many players on the Philadelphia Phillies were loud and clear.

It's happening.

The Philadelphia Phillies and two-time All-Star catcher J.T. Realmuto agreed Tuesday on a $115.5 million, five-year contract, two people familiar with the deal told The Associated Press.

Both people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because Realmuto's deal was pending a successful physical.

Realmuto gets $20 million next season, of which $10 million is deferred, with $5 million each payable in 2026 and 2027. He gets $23,875,000 in each of the final four years.

He does not have a no-trade provision. The deal includes a $1 million assignment bonus if traded.

LeVert undergoes surgery to treat cancerous growth

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana Pacers guard Caris LeVert will be out indefinitely after undergoing surgery to treat a cancerous growth on his left kidney.

Team officials made the announcement Tuesday and said the 26-year-old LeVert is expected to make a full recovery. The Pacers said no additional treatment is needed.

Doctors found the small mass during a routine, post-trade physical and immediately conducted additional tests.

LeVert was part of the blockbuster deal that sent James Harden from Houston to Brooklyn then was dealt by the Rockets to Indiana for Victor Oladipo.

The Pacers said LeVert was diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma and had surgery Monday at a local hospital.

LeVert spent his first 4 ½ seasons with the Nets after the Pacers selected him in the first round of the 2016 NBA draft.

Indiana expected LeVert to replace Oladipo in the starting lineup as well as provide some scoring punch as last season's top scorer, T.J. Warren, recovers from foot surgery.

AP source: Semien, Blue Jays agree to $18M contract

TORONTO (AP) — Shortstop Marcus Semien agreed to an $18 million, one-year contract with the Toronto Blue Jays, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Tuesday because the agreement was subject to a successful physical.

Semien will become the second star and fourth free agent added by the Blue Jays during a slow offseason amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Toronto gave outfielder George Springer a $150 million, six-year deal. Toronto also agreed to one-year contracts with right-handers Kirby Yates ($5.5 million) and Tyler Chatwood ($3 million) and re-signed left-hander Robbie Ray to an $8 million, one-year contract.

Semien hit .223 with seven homers, 23 RBIs and .679 OPS in 53 games last season, his sixth with Oakland. He earned $4,814,815 in prorated pay from a $13 million salary.

Semien finished third in AL MVP voting in 2019, when he hit 33 homers with 92 RBIs with an .892 OPS.

PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING JAN. 27

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ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs (N)	Housewife	The Conners (N)	Call Your Mother	For Life "354" (N) CC (DVS)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	The Price Is Right at Night (N) CC		SEAL Team "Horror Has a Face" (N)		S.W.A.T. "Crusade" (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Chicago Med (N) CC (DVS)		Chicago Fire (N) CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. A cop is murdered. (N)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	The Masked Dancer "Super Six" (N)		:02 Name That Tune "Episode 4" (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Great Lakes	Nature Animals face extreme ecosystems.		NOVA "Forgotten Genius" Percy Julian became an industrialist. CC (DVS)			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Riverdale (N) CC		Nancy Drew (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "While They Were Sleeping"		Dateline "A Sister's Search"		Dateline "What They Saw" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Riverdale (N) CC		Nancy Drew (N) CC		The Drew Barrymore Show (N) CC	
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Ty and Scott are missing.		Highway to Heaven "The Monster"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam (N)	Court Cam (N)	Wild	Wild
AMC	5:00 Star Trek	★★★ True Lies ('94) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis. A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man. CC					
Animal	North-	North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N)				North Woods Law	
BET	6:00 Think Like a Man Too			Tyler Perry's Sistas		Wives	Bigger
Big Ten	To Be Announced						
Bravo	Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Real Housewives of Salt Lake City	
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Abraham Lincoln	★ CHIPS ('17) Michael Peña, Dax Shepard. CC			:43 ★ Big Momma's House 2 ('06) Martin Lawrence.		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	:45 South Park		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Undercover	Undercover Billionaire (N) CC		Undercover Billionaire (N) CC		Undercover Billionaire CC	
Disney	Raven	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Raven	Raven	Big City	Bunk'd
DIY	Restoring	Restored CC		Restored CC		Restored CC	
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ESPN	NBA Basketball: Lakers at 76ers					NBA Basketball	
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPNC	Football	College Football				Classic-Boxing	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Kitchen Crash (N)	
Fox News	FOX	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Pistons at Cavaliers				Pistons	Pistons	Spartans
Freefrm	6:30 ★★ The Game Plan ('07) Dwayne The Rock Johnson.			★★★ Shrek ('01, Children's) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. CC			
FX	:00 ★★ Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials ('15, Science Fiction) Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario. CC					★ Kingsman: The Secret Service ('14)	
Golf	Golf Central (N)		College Golf Southwestern Invitational, Final Round.				
Hallmark	Love on Iceland	★ Winter's Dream ('18, Romance) Dean Cain, Kristy Swanson, Aren Buchholz. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	The Photograph	:10 ★★★ Misery ('90, Horror) James Caan, Kathy Bates. CC				C.B. Strike "Lethal White: Part 2" (N)	
History	Forged	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		:03 Forged in Fire	
HGTV	Vacation	House	House	Dream	Dream	Hunt Intl	Hunters
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life (N)				Obesity Med (N)	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight "Nice to Marry You" All five couples meet the families. (N) CC				:03 Marrying Millions "Marriage Material"	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	The Challenge "Double Agents"			Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Bulls	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Memphis Grizzlies.					Postgame
NFL	NFL Total	Senior Bowl Practice		NFL 360	NFL Football Teams TBA. CC		
Nick	:00 ★★ Bee Movie ('07)			Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends
NGEO	To Catch	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		Narco Wars (N)	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped (N) CC		An Unexpected Killer "Twisted Betrayal"		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered CC	
Parmt	:00 ★★ Walking Tall ('04)			★★ The Day After Tomorrow ('04)			
Showtime	:00 ★★ Twilight ('08, Romance) Kristen Stewart. CC			★★ The Twilight Saga: New Moon ('09) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. CC			
Starz	:15 ★★★ Frozen ('13) Voices of Kristen Bell. CC			★★ Never Been Kissed ('99) Drew Barrymore, David Arquette. CC			
STZENC	:21 ★★ Tremors ('90) Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward. CC			★★★ A River Runs Through It ('92, Drama) Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt. CC			
SyFy	★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 ('17, Science Fiction) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana. CC (DVS)					Resident Alien (Series (P)) (N)	
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	6:00 Ransom	★★★ After the Thin Man ('36) William Powell, Myrna Loy. CC (DVS)				★★ The Kennel Murder Case	
TMC	Mob Town	★★ Chain Reaction ('96, Action) Keanu Reeves, Morgan Freeman. CC				★ Paranoia ('13, Suspense) CC	
TNT	Geostorm	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				Snowpiercer	
Travel	Mysteries	Mysteries of the Unknown (N) CC				True Paranormal	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				Resident Alien "Pilot" (N) CC	
VH1	:00 ★★ Save the Last Dance ('01)				★★ Lottery Ticket ('10)		
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Positive resolutions much easier to keep

DEAR DOCTOR: I saw on the news that there's a new study about how to make a successful New Year's resolution. My wife and I have the same list of resolutions every year, including to stop eating so much junk food and to quit sugar. And around this time every year, we give up on them. We would love to know why it's hard to follow through.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR READER: It wouldn't feel like the start of a new year if we weren't hearing from readers about their love-hate relationship with resolutions. On one hand, the calendar hands you a clean slate. It arrives after weeks of festivities during which overindulgence has been a guiding principle. We've eaten and drunk our fill, and we now find ourselves not only ready, but even eager, for a reset. On the other hand, we're still the same people we were before Thanksgiving signaled the start of the annual bingeing season. All of the reasons we didn't lose those 10 pounds last August, or didn't quit our sugar habit in March, still hold true.

Research into the topic of New Year's resolutions finds that many of us fall off the wagon surprisingly soon. An analysis of the online activity of more than 31 million people suggests that by the end of January, many resolutions are already in the rearview mirror. More rigorous studies from the University of Scranton tracked the slow decline of resolve. By the end of one week, researchers found that 23 percent of the study participants had already abandoned their resolutions. After three months, half had called it quits. When the researchers followed up two years later, about 20 percent of participants said they had been successful at keeping their resolutions.

In the study you're asking about, published last December in the journal PLOS One, the researchers looked at what separated the people who managed to keep their resolutions from those who didn't. They found that how someone states their goal can make a difference. People whose goals were of the "I will" variety had a higher rate of success than those who approached their resolutions with "I won't." Specifically, 59 percent of the 1,066 study participants with proactive goals considered themselves successful, while only 47 percent of those with avoidance-oriented goals felt they had succeeded.

In terms of your resolution to eat less processed snack food and to cut down on sugar, you might try flipping the focus. Instead of thinking in terms of what you're going to eliminate from your diet, try making a specific decision about something that you will add. For instance, you might start with the resolution to eat one piece of fresh fruit at each meal. You can up the ante by agreeing that, before indulging in any kind of snack food, you first have to eat something good for you, like a fresh carrot. That way, even if you do waver in your resolve and slip into old habits with a bar of chocolate or a bag of chips, you've also kept your resolution. Change is hard, and even small victories can make it easier to stay on track.

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How can you get less irritated over little things?

DEAR CAROLYN: Do you have any advice to help me get less irritated at little things?

I've been like this for many years, but I do think the pandemic has made it worse. I try my best not to take this out on anyone else and I can often talk myself down after the fact, but I really wish I could not get irritated in the first place.

Carolyn Hax

I am already in therapy for the overall anxiety issues. – Irritated

DEAR IRRITATED: I expect the two are connected, the anxiety and irritation.

Anxiety lives in the gap between what you have and what you fear. Irritation lives in the gap between what you have and what you want.

Overcoming both involves finding peace with what you have, so your work in therapy will likely mitigate both problems over time.

But here's something to try in the meantime: Imagine for a moment how you feel when you're late for a meeting and you miss your train. Now imagine the same missed train, when you aren't late for anything.

I'm guessing the difference is pronounced? And in the latter case you're much calmer and more accepting.

When you're dealing with irritation over small things, it can be helpful to think of this difference. Since you will never (ever) achieve a state of being that doesn't include missed trains, figuratively speaking, your only option for stress-reduction is to work on the other side of the equation. The calm-perception side, where you accept what you can't control.

So, what can you do to break out of the "late" state of mind? How can you manage your schedule, moods, expectations toward approximating the state of mind of people who can calmly occupy themselves till the next train comes (still figuratively speaking), instead of freaking out?

There are many ways to do this, and you can use as many as you think apply. For example: Expect little things will go wrong, so you aren't surprised or let down when they do, or give yourself extra time or leeway, especially for things you know are stressful. You can plan your responses ahead, too – bring a book for when you're stuck in a waiting room; or repeat a mantra or breathing exercise; or stretch; or take a walk.

You can plan ahead for when people irritate you, too. A hard look at your own flaws, and how others put up with them – whether out of fondness for you or their own general sense of decency – can clear a path to your showing them the same forgiveness.

And you can prepare for when you're annoyed at yourself. Since whatever self-maddening thing you just did is already in the past, make a deliberate choice to refocus yourself on what comes next. Your next step, your next hour, your next day. Keep making this choice to refocus until it becomes habit.

"Stuff happens" is the DNA in each of these strategies. The people who accept the inevitability of small irritations upfront – and bigger risks, if we fold the anxiety in, too – are the ones whose definitions of happiness, success, beauty, good fortune, art, love and virtually everything else worth having, have an allowance for "stuff" built in. There's no other, perfect, "if only" to block your view of what you actually have.

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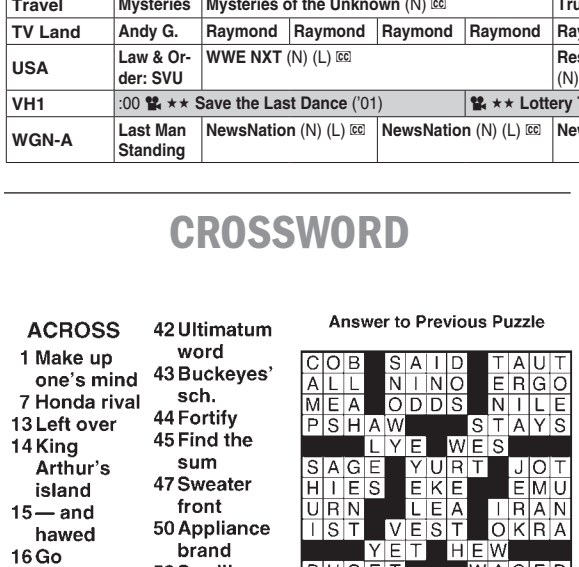

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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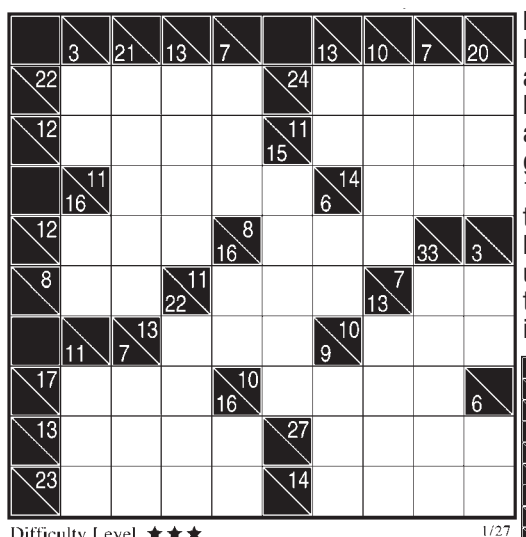
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

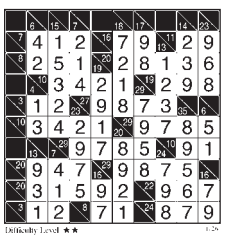
Yesterday's Jumbles: WEIGH VINYL JACKET AGENDA
Answer: When she had the feeling that she'd seen the movie before, she experienced — DEJA "VIEW"

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/27

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Charles Caleb Colton was an eccentric English cleric and author who died in 1832. He wrote, "Falsehood is never so successful as when she baits her hook with truth, and no opinions so fatally mislead us, as those that are not wholly wrong; as no watches so effectually deceive the wearer as those that are sometimes right."

It is particularly pleasing for a defender to find a play that deceives declarer about the lie of the cards and persuades him to go down in a contract he could have made.

If you wish to test yourself, look only at the North and South hands. West, after opening with a weak two-bid in diamonds, leads the heart six against four spades. East wins with his ace and returns the suit, West following with the two – whew! But how would you continue?

South wondered if he was going to miss a slam by jumping to game, but he knew that he could not find out if North held two of the three key cards: the spade king, heart ace and diamond ace.

When an opponent preempts, then leads a side suit, that is typically a singleton. So South was surprised when West did not ruff at trick two. Now declarer drew the conclusion that West had at least two trumps. So declarer cashed the spade ace and played another trump. Down one and a cold zero in an 11-table duplicate. To make the contract, South had to play a spade to the jack at trick three – tough to find.

One other West led the heart six, but East shifted to his diamond, and West pushed through a club. After ruffing, South played a spade to the jack.

North 01-27-21
♠ J
♥ 7 5 4
♦ K 9 6 3 2
♣ K Q 6 4

West
♠ 9
♥ 6 2
♦ A Q J 10 7 4
♣ J 7 3 2

East
♠ K 10 5
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ 5
♣ A 10 9 8 5

South
♠ A Q 8 7 6 4 3 2
♥ K Q J 10
♦ 8
♣ —

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	2♦	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 6

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

		2		8			9	
	4					2	1	
7			1	2	6			
					3		7	1
		6	4	1	8	5		
8	3		2					
			3	6	1			7
	1	7					8	
	2			4		1		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	8	9	2	1	7	6	3	5
3	6	1	5	9	8	7	2	4
7	2	5	4	6	3	1	9	8
5	3	4	9	7	1	8	6	2
1	7	6	3	8	2	5	4	9
8	9	2	6	5	4	3	1	7
2	4	8	7	3	6	9	5	1
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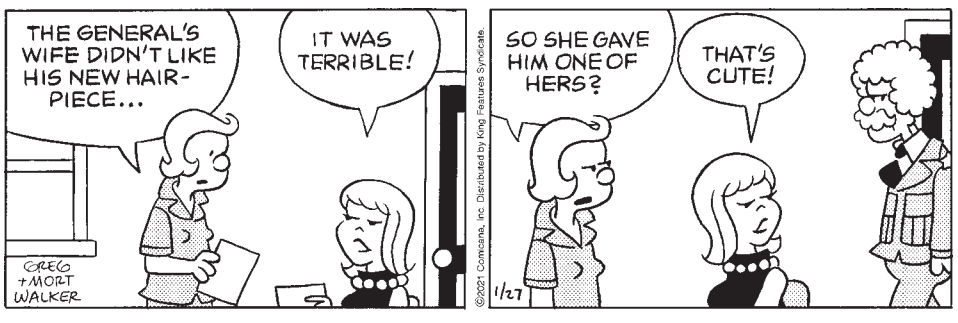
9	1	3	8	2	5	4	7	6

BEETLE BAILEY


THE GENERAL'S WIFE DIDN'T LIKE HIS NEW HAIR-PIECE...
IT WAS TERRIBLE!
SO SHE GAVE HIM ONE OF HERS?
THAT'S CUTE!
GREG + MORT WALKER
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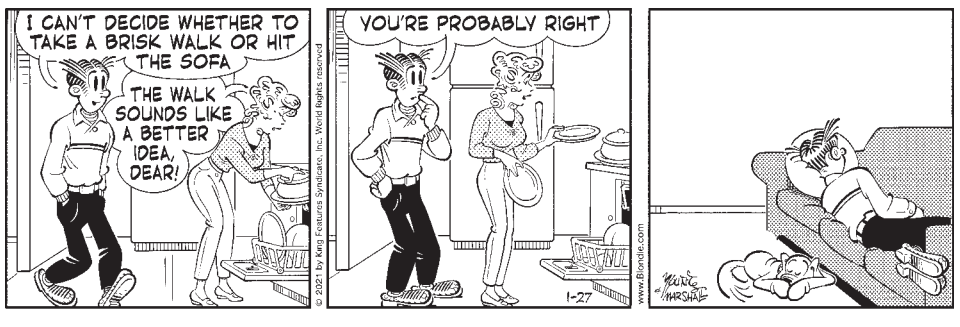
BLONDIE


I CAN'T DECIDE WHETHER TO TAKE A BRISK WALK OR HIT THE SOFA
THE WALK SOUNDS LIKE A BETTER IDEA, DEAR!
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT
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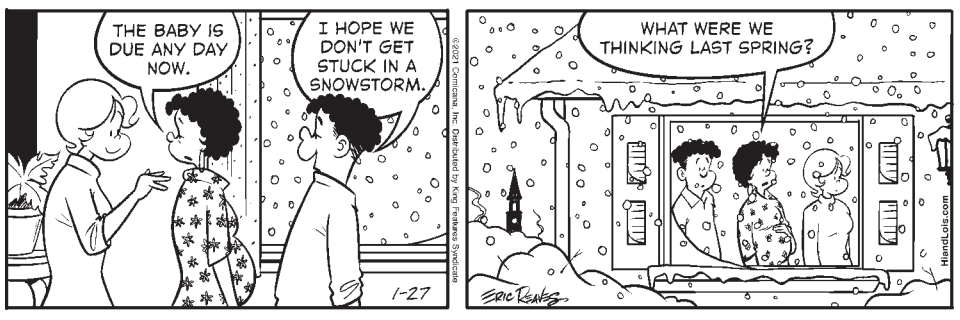
HI & LOIS


THE BABY IS DUE ANY DAY NOW.
I HOPE WE DON'T GET STUCK IN A SNOWSTORM.
WHAT WERE WE THINKING LAST SPRING?
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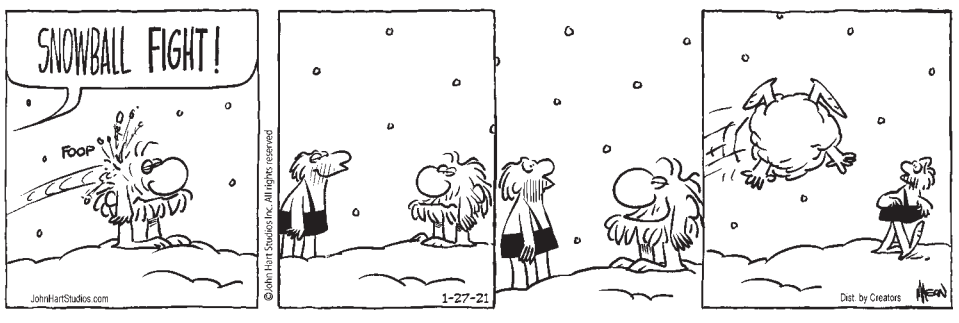
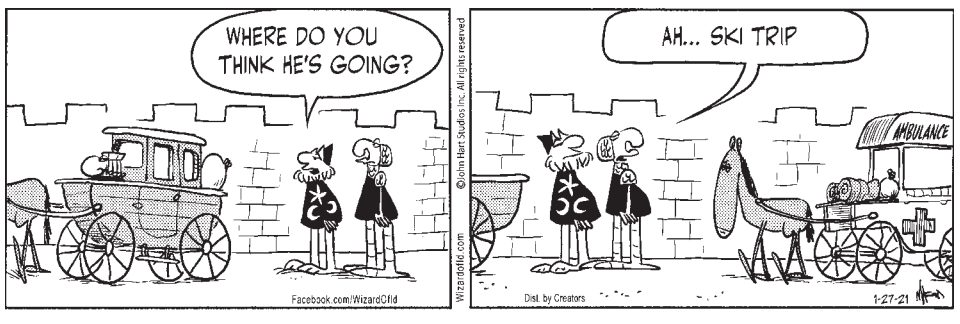


WIZARD OF ID



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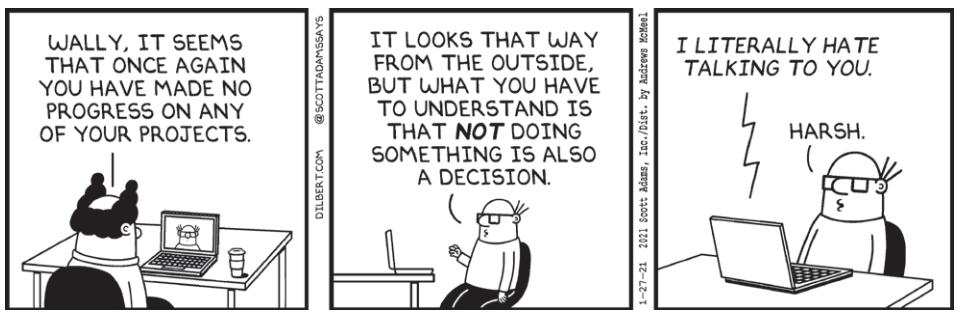
WALLY, IT SEEMS THAT ONCE AGAIN YOU HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS ON ANY OF YOUR PROJECTS.
IT LOOKS THAT WAY FROM THE OUTSIDE, BUT WHAT YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT NOT DOING SOMETHING IS ALSO A DECISION.
I LITERALLY HATE TALKING TO YOU.
HARSH.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
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GARFIELD

"DEAR ASK A DOG, BESIDES A DOG, WHAT ANIMAL MAKES THE BEST PET?"
YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP!
DUDE, A SQUEAKY BONE IS NOT A PET
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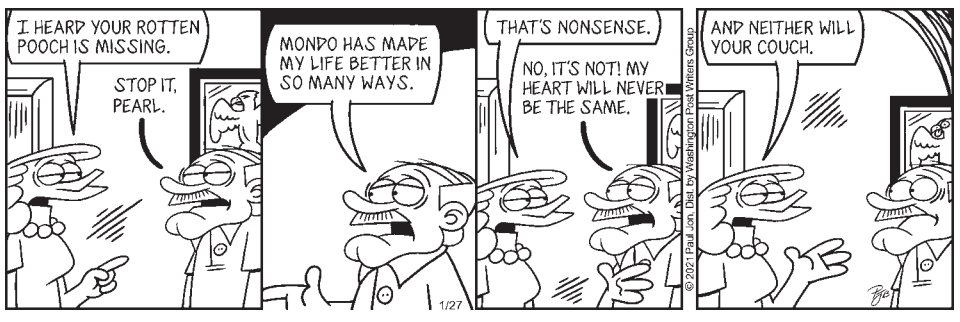
JIM DAVIS 1-27

FORT KNOX


I HEARD YOUR ROTTEN POOCH IS MISSING.
STOP IT, PEARL.
MONDO HAS MADE MY LIFE BETTER IN SO MANY WAYS.
THAT'S NONSENSE.
NO, IT'S NOT! MY HEART WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.
AND NEITHER WILL YOUR COUCH.
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PICKLES

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE SO UPSET ABOUT A TEENSY LITTLE DENT IN YOUR STUDEBAKER.
JUST TELL ME, HOW DID IT HAPPEN?
WELL, I WAS COMING OUT OF THE GROCERY STORE, LOOKING IN MY PURSE FOR THE CAR KEY, AND THE SHOPPING CART GOT AWAY FROM ME AND...
STOP! STOP! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.!!
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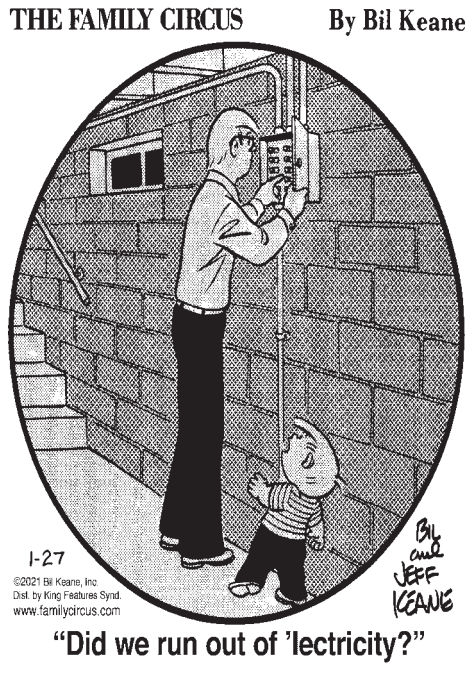
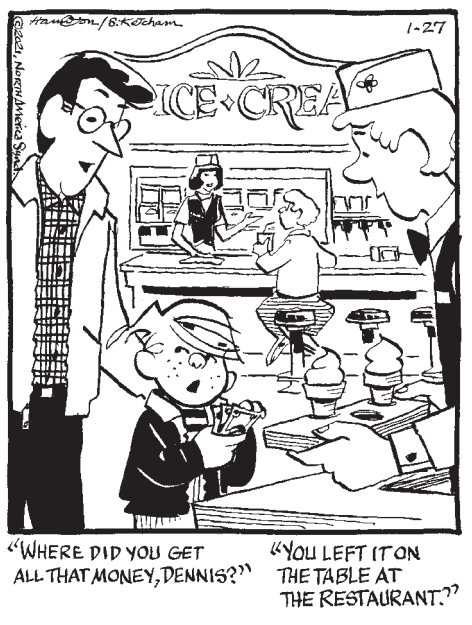
FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE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ICE-CREA
"WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THAT MONEY, DENNIS?"
"YOU LEFT IT ON THE TABLE AT THE RESTAURANT."

BABY BLUES

YOU DID IT, WREN! YOU POTTIED IN THE TOILET!
WOW! NICE ONE!
LET'S CELEBRATE!
I'LL BAKE A CAKE!
YAY, WREN!
ANYTHING EXCITING HAPPEN OVER THE WEEKEND?
I'D RATHER NOT GO INTO DETAIL.
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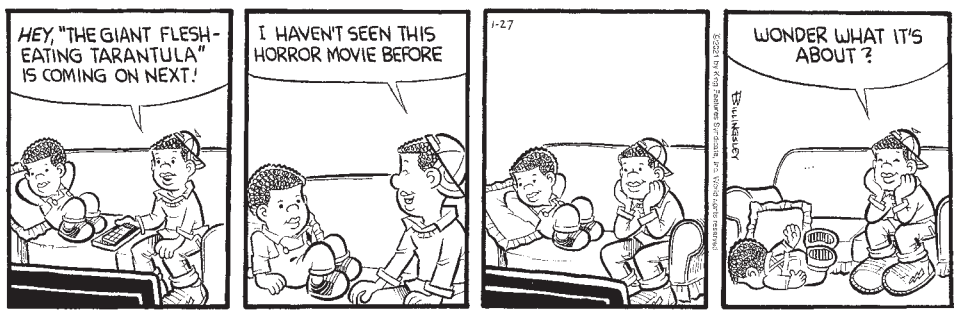
CURTIS


HEY, "THE GIANT FLESH-EATING TARANTULA" IS COMING ON NEXT!
I HAVEN'T SEEN THIS HORROR MOVIE BEFORE
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WONDER WHAT IT'S ABOUT?
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BILL WESLEY

ZITS

SO, WHAT'S THIS CAT'S NAME?
THE PEOPLE AT THE SHELTER CALLED HER "CINDERELLA."
PURRRRR
BUT THEY SAID WE COULD GIVE HER ANY NAME WE WANT, SO...
I WAS THINKING "MISS MEOW."
I DUB THEE "CLAPTON."
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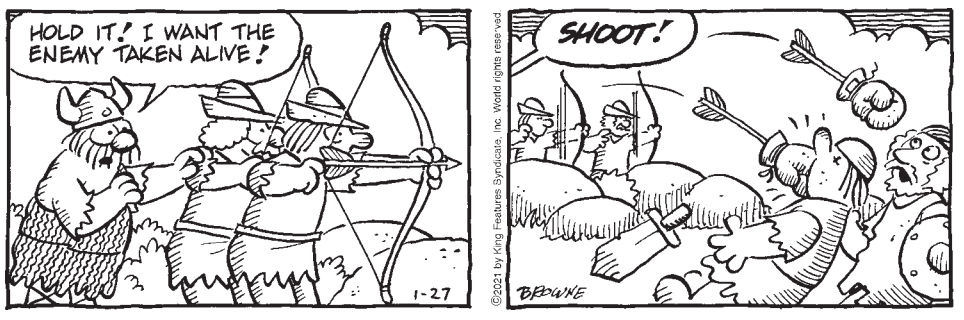
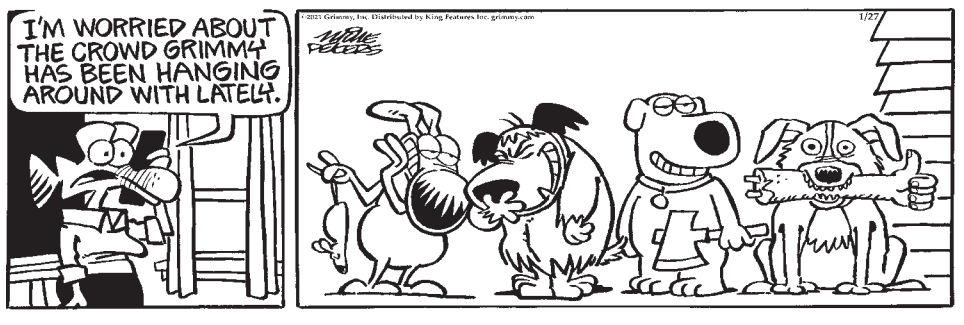
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE CROWD GRIMMY HAS BEEN HANGING AROUND WITH LATELY.
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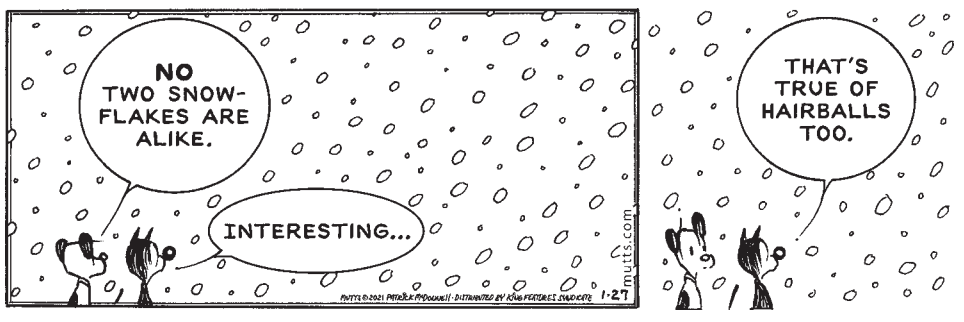
MIKE PETERS

MUTTS


NO TWO SNOW-FLAKES ARE ALIKE.
INTERESTING...
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THAT'S TRUE OF HAIRBALLS TOO.

SALLY FORTH

HIL. I'M SO, SO SORRY.
AND YOU KNOW WHAT'S WORSE? I CAN'T DO A THING TO HELP FAYE...
MY BEST FRIEND IS HURTING, HER FAMILY'S STRUGGLING, THEY HAVE TO SELL THEIR HOUSE, AND ALL I CAN DO IS KEEP SAYING, "I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY" UNTIL THE WORDS LOSE ALL MEANING AND THEY'RE JUST... JUST SOUNDS.
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I'M SO SORRY, SWEETIE, I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW HARD THIS IS FOR YOU.
IMAGINE HOW HARD IT IS FOR THEM.
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JOB OPPORTUNITY MICHIGAN CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

Job Posting Date:
January 19, 2021

The Michigan City Housing Authority is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Executive Director located in Michigan City, Indiana. The new Executive Director will lead a staff of (9) employees and oversee all PHA operations and programs including 171 Public Housing, 308 Housing Choice Voucher, Homeownership, as well as 19 units owned by an affiliated nonprofit.

This position requires experience in the administration of Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher program. Therefore, the ideal candidate should have at least (3) or more years of management experience in public housing, subsidized housing or similar organization and must have working knowledge of fiscal management and capability of working with officials, boards, funding agencies and people of various socio-economic backgrounds. Bachelor degree is required. A PHM is required or must be obtained within 24 months of being hired. A benefit package will be offered. Position is open until filled.

Applications are now being accepted. Please submit resumes with salary history and references to Michigan City Housing Authority Board of Commissioners - Chairman Milton Malone at 621 East Michigan Blvd, Michigan City, Indiana 46360

ACCOUNTING

JOB OPPORTUNITY with the MICHIGAN CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY Finance Manager

Job Posting Date:
January 19, 2021

The Michigan City Housing Authority is seeking qualified candidates for the following position:

Finance Manager — Under the direction of the Executive Director, this position supervises, plans, and coordinates the activities and operations of the Finance Department. Position is responsible for coordinating all operational activities for accounting, auditing, and financial reporting. The duties below illustrate the various types of worked perform. The omission of specific statements regarding duties does not exclude them from position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment in association with this position.

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Supervise finance personnel. Supervisory duties include instructing, assigning, reviewing and planning work of others, monitoring standards; coordinating activities allocating personnel and recommending employee transfers, promotions, and salary increases as appropriate.

Assist in developing, Implementing and reviewing goals, objectives, policies, and priorities for Finance Department.

Coordinate all operational activities for accounting, auditing, financial reporting, contracting materials management functions in accordance with Housing policy and procedures.

Plan and schedule and assign task necessary to complete Single Audit Report in accordance with Housing Authority Standards and generally accepted accounting practices.

Develop system of internal controls that effectively documents the procedures and practices necessary for proper internal controls

Adhere to the confidentiality standards of the Privacy Act of 1974 {U.S.C. 552A} as amended

Must possess a valid Indiana driver's license. Previous Experience that includes progressively Knowledgeable and skilled governmental and /Non-profit accounting

Deadline: Submit resume with salary history and references to Michigan City Housing Authority, Interim Executive Director, 621 East Michigan Blvd, Michigan City, IN 46360 open until filled. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Sharon Hutton at 219-872-7287.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color or national origin.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY with the MICHIGAN CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY Maintenance Technician (Full-Time)

Job Posting Date:
January 19, 2021

The Michigan City Housing Authority is seeking qualified candidates for the following position:

Senior Maintenance Technician - This is the advanced journey level in the Maintenance Technician job series. Positions at this level perform the most complex maintenance duties and are expected to perform the full range of building maintenance tasks with minimal direction. Work involves maintaining gas furnaces and heaters and air conditioners, repair and replacement of items such as windows, doors, roofs, gutters, cabinets, walls, ceilings, toilets, faucets, water lines, electrical outlets, and light fixtures. The Senior Maintenance Technician may perform preventive maintenance tasks, as needed. Work is performed under general supervision of the Maintenance Supervisor.

Must possess a valid Indiana driver's license.

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BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to residents; Benton Charter Township is conducting this meeting by teleconference with no physical public access at the usual meeting location in accordance with public health gathering crowd size limitations, social distancing recommendations and applicable law. It is the intention of Benton Charter Township to be in compliance with any applicable State or County orders or regulations and also the Open Meetings Act in order to promote government accountability and foster openness in government to enhance responsible decision-making.

This hereby serves notice that the Benton Charter Township Board will hold a teleconference meeting on:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.

Topic: Public Hearing

Purpose: Considering Properties Plus, LLC's request to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for property located at 1800 M-139, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Date & Time: February 2, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
Join Meeting by Conference call:
Dial-in information
Connect to the call by dialing in with your phone:
Phone Number: 1-717-275-8940
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Members of the public may contact members of the Township Board to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the public body at cphillips@bentonchartertownship-mi.gov. Comments and questions submitted will be read aloud during the public comment portion of the meeting and provided to all members of the Township Board.

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Posted: January 26, 2021 Carolyn Phillips, Clerk

GENERAL HELP

The Town of Trail Creek is seeking applications for a part time street employee. The candidate will work through out the week and some weekend hours, in addition to possibly being on call for a tree down or during the winter months. The candidate must have the following skills and knowledge to be eligible:
Perform routine general maintenance, operate and utilize all town equipment as directed by the street commissioner. Assist in leaf pickup , patching potholes, storm maintenance and other misc. jobs given by the street commissioner. Must have high diploma, valid drivers license and must be able to lift or carry 50lbs.
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By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Preparation will be essential this year. Go over every detail, and think matters through before you jump into action. Situations will transform quickly, making it vital to keep everything updated and in place. Careful planning and knowing what you want will help you reach your goals and receive the rewards you desire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be ready for whatever comes your way. Think fast, but don't act prematurely. Timing is everything, and it's essential to know when to make your move and when to sit tight.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Get out there and make your presence known. Be innovative and demonstrative, and you will gain recognition for what you are trying to achieve. Romance is encouraged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Refuse to let your emotions take the reins. You'll excel if you keep your thoughts to yourself and put your energy into getting things done. Make up your mind, and take care of business.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take a creative approach to everything you do. Care and diplomacy will be needed when addressing prickly issues. Full disclosure will help you settle matters once and for all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take care of matters concerning your health, finances and government institutions. The less you leave unfinished, the easier it will be to move on to something new and exciting.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Share your thoughts and feelings, and you'll find out exactly where you stand. A partnership will encourage you to use your imagination more when looking for solutions. Romance is on the rise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Walk away from explosive situations. Arguing will not benefit you; it will add to your uncertainty. Control your emotions when dealing with important relationships. Play it safe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Spend time with people who bring out the best in you, and you will bring about a positive change that will benefit everyone. Share your feelings with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Proceed with caution. Situations will get blown out of proportion if you aren't careful. Take a look at your budget before you share your plans. Intelligence and charm will pay off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make positive domestic or lifestyle changes. Following your heart or living your dream is possible if you put in the time and effort to make it happen. Stop procrastinating!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Stop overspending. Put a budget in place based on your priorities. Refuse to give in to someone eager to use your hard-earned cash for their comfort. You can't buy love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Draw on your charm, finesse and mindfulness, and you will ward off someone looking for a fight. Take the initiative to go above and beyond the call of duty to keep the peace. Romance is encouraged.

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hp FOOD & HEALTH

Red Cross seeking donations to maintain blood supply

In February, donors will receive a gift card

By HP STAFF

The American Red Cross typically has a tough time keeping a strong blood supply during the winter months, when inclement weather and seasonal illnesses can impact donors, according to a news release. This year, the pandemic has added another challenge to overcome.

The Red Cross is asking healthy people to make appointments, and is throwing in an incentive for February donors.

Anyone who donates to Red Cross in February will receive a $5 Amazon gift card via email.

To make an appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma, visit www.redcrossblood.org, call 800-733-2767 or download the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Red Cross is currently testing all donations for COVID-19 antibodies. Those with the antibodies could help COVID patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions.

COVID-19 antibody test results are available within two weeks in the app or through the donor portal at www.redcrossblood.org. A positive antibody test result doesn't confirm infection or immunity.

To protect staff and donors, those who don't feel well, or who believe they may be ill with COVID-19, should postpone their donation.

Donors are required to wear a face mask, and their temperature will be taken upon arrival.

Upcoming blood drives in Southwest Michigan

American Red Cross

■ Noon-4:45 p.m. Friday, Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Feb. 3, American Legion Post 345, 9214 First St., Baroda.

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan

■ Noon-7 p.m. today, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi offices, multi-purpose room, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac.

■ 2-6 p.m. Thursday, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, gym, 5791 Sawyer Road, Sawyer.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Feb. 3, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 2-7 p.m. Feb. 3, Simpson United Methodist Church, community room, 507 Joy St., Bangor.

South Bend Medical Foundation

■ 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Elks Lodge 1322, 1322 Canal St., Niles.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. For more drives, visit www.redcrossblood.org, donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip or givebloodnow.com.

Taking a walk down recipe lane

Ann Duensing recently sent me an email saying she's been looking for a recipe for the Spinach Salad served at Captain's Table on Riverview Drive in Benton Harbor many years ago. It was accompanied by a warm dressing.

Jane Ammeson

"I still have a taste for it," Ann said. "Does anyone have a recipe for it?"

I did some searching online and looked through back issues of The Herald-Palladium hoping to find the recipe, but without any luck. So I logged onto the Southwestern Michigan Food Critics Facebook group, and asked if anyone had a copy.

Within 20 minutes, I had a recipe from Linda S. Alfieri that she thought might be the same, and it sure looks similar to what I remember. But then, Mary Davis contacted Leslie Moore, whose father had co-owned the restaurant, and she sent the original recipe.

While we were on the subject of vintage recipes, Sandy Blasy sent me several, including the sloppy Joes served at Doebeli's Drive-in, which, and I had to ask, was the A&W drive-in next to Slosson's Liquor Store – at that time located at 450 E. Main St., in Benton Harbor.

She sent the recipe for The Whitcomb Hotel's Imperial Chicken, which she received from Natalie Archer Mawhinney. It was one of the sumptuous Sunday buffet items at the hotel.

She also included several recipes from Benton Harbor High School's cafeteria, saying she had long thought it would be a good idea for a column. I agree. If anyone has recipes from any of the local school cafeterias, email them to me.

From there, the Facebook discussion segued to other recipes people wanted to find from long-ago restaurants.

Tammy Rosenthal would love the recipe for – or, I should say – she would love to have someone make her Beachwood's "heavenly roughy." I wasn't able to find a recipe for it, but read an article describing it as their way of preparing orange roughy.

I think Beachwood, which is close to the Michigan-Indiana state line on U.S. 12, is closed now, which is a shame. It had a lot of history, as it opened in the 1940s.

Kim Shelton would like the recipe for the blueberry pie they served at Olympus Restaurant in Bridgman before it closed. I don't have that recipe, but I'm hoping someone can provide it.

What I do have are several other recipes given to me by Anastasia Lepeniotis, who with her husband, Chris, owned the Olympus for more than 40 years.

Gayle Olson loved the Seafood Nachos at HI's Saloon. I always ordered their chicken wings, which were a fairly new restaurant item back then.

Henry Inger said we should be focused on what happened to the Green Bay Packers, who had just lost the NFC championship game to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. I took that to mean we may need to get past the Super Bowl before we get his recipe for Seafood Nachos, though if Tom Brady wins, I'm not sure we'll ever get it.

Rebecca Grace Kinney always had extra Marsala sauce to go with her Chicken Marsala at Bill Knapp's, but that was another recipe I couldn't find. So I thought I'd provide two others: their Potatoes Au Gratin and their Chocolate Celebration Cake – the one they'd give to you on your birthday.

Now, Bill Knapp's went bankrupt in 2002 (though I never understood why because the one in Benton Harbor was always packed), but the cake lives on. My brother-in-law, Rick Miller, loves it, and always requests one for his birthday dessert. It's available locally and online. In the meantime, I'll keep looking for their Chicken Marsala.

Here are the recipes we've collected so far, minus Sandy's school cafeteria ones that I'll share later. I hope everyone will send me copies of recipes they have from the past.

Photo provided

Imperial Chicken was one of The Whitcomb Hotel's Sunday buffet options.

Captain's Table's Spinach Salad

For the salad:

1 package fresh spinach
3 stalks green onions, tops included
3 or 4 slices bacon

For the dressing:

3/4 cup salad oil
3/4 cup wine vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
3 or 4 dashes Worcestershire sauce
2 eggs, beaten

Wash and tear spinach into small pieces. Chop green onions into small pieces.

Fold the oil, wine vinegar, sugar, salt, pepper and Worcestershire into the beaten eggs, and mix thoroughly. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Fry bacon until almost done, and drain on a towel. Cut into small pieces and set aside.

When ready to serve, heat the bacon, and add it to the spinach and onions. Pour half of the egg-vinegar mixture into the same pan, stirring until thickened. Toss thoroughly.

Serve in salad bowls, and garnish with hard-cooked eggs that have been finely chopped.

Note: Cook up the other half of the dressing, and save it for later.

– Recipe courtesy Leslie Moore

Doebeli's Drive-In Sloppy Joes

Makes about 12 sandwiches.

1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon celery seed
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
2 tablespoons dried onions
1 pinch oregano
1 pinch basil
1 pinch savory thyme
1/4 cup vinegar
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
1 cup ketchup
1 cup water
3 dashes Tabasco sauce
Salt, to taste
2 1/4 pounds ground beef, browned and drained

Mix all of the ingredients, except the meat, in a kettle. Then, add the browned ground beef. Simmer for at least two hours, stirring frequently.

The Whitcomb Hotel's Imperial Chicken

1 whole chicken, cut apart, or chicken breasts
1/2 cup butter
1 clove garlic plus 2 teaspoons salt, mashed together
2 cups dry breadcrumbs
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/4 cup minced parsley, or dried

Dip the chicken in the melted butter. Then dip it in the garlic-salt, breadcrumbs, cheese, pepper and parsley.

Bake in a shallow pan, uncovered, for about 90 minutes at 350 degrees.

This can be made ahead and kept in refrigerator until ready to bake.

Bill Knapp's Au Gratin Potatoes

6 cups potatoes, diced, boiled and chilled
1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup flour
2 cups milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon instant chicken bouillon granules
6 ounces Velveeta cheese, cubed
Breadcrumbs

Prepare the potatoes.

Melt the butter in a large saucepan. Add the flour, and blend. Gradually add the milk, and cook until thick.

Add the remaining ingredients, and stir until the cheese melts and the sauce is smooth. Stir in the potatoes. Pour into a casserole dish.

Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes, until top is browned. Top with soft breadcrumbs, if desired.

Bill Knapp's Chocolate Cake

For the cake:

1/2 cup butter
2 1/4 cups brown sugar
3 large eggs
2 1/4 cups flour, sifted
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1 cup sour cream
1 cup boiling water

For the frosting:

4 ounces baker's chocolate, melted
1/2 cup butter, melted
1 pound powdered sugar
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

Grease and flour two cake pans.

Cream the butter in a large bowl. Add the brown sugar and eggs, and beat at high speed for 5 minutes. Stir in the flour, baking soda, salt, vanilla and sour cream.

Beat with a wooden spoon until the batter is smooth. Add the boiling water, and stir. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 35 minutes.

For the frosting: Combine all the ingredients, and beat with a wooden spoon over a bowl of ice until it thickens up. Spread over cake.

Kourabiethes

(Almond shortbread cookies)

1/2 pound unsalted butter, soft
1/2 cup powdered sugar, sifted, plus more for dusting
2 cups flour, sifted
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup ground almonds
1 teaspoon vanilla, ouzo or mastiha liqueur

Beat the butter and powdered sugar until it's white like marshmallow fluff, which could take 10 or 15 minutes. Scrape the bowl down several times during this process.

Add the flour, then the baking powder, almonds and vanilla to form a soft dough. Roll into small balls.

Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes. Cool completely.

Roll out a sheet of wax paper, and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Place the cookies on the wax paper, and, after putting powdered sugar through a mesh sieve, sprinkle it on the cookies. Repeat until all the cookies are covered with sugar.

– Recipe courtesy Anastasia Lepeniotis

Feta Bread

3 pounds flour
4 eggs, beaten
1 cup milk, warm
2 pounds fresh crumbled feta (can be rinsed to take away saltiness)
2 packages yeast in 1 cup warm water
1/2 cup olive oil
1/2 cup fresh parsley, chopped

Place the flour in a bowl, and make a hole in the middle. Beat the eggs, and add to the flour along with the milk, feta, yeast and olive oil. Mix well.

Knead for 8 to 10 minutes.

Grease a large pan, and evenly spread out soft dough no thicker than 1 inch.

Keep warm, and let it rise for several hours.

Bake in a 375-degree oven for 45 to 50 minutes.

– Recipe courtesy Anastasia Lepeniotis

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BREAKFASTS AND BANQUETS

Burgers: American Legion Post 518, 4789 Weechik Road, New Troy, will have a hamburger night from 5-8 p.m. today. Cost is $5 for a burger, fries and salad. Cost is $6.50 for a burger, onion rings and salad. All orders are carryout. Order upon arrival, or call ahead at 426-3542.

Breakfasts and Banquets appears on Wednesdays. The deadline is the preceding Wednesday at noon. Civic groups sponsoring fundraising meals, classes or other food-related events should send information in writing to: Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or email focus@TheHP.com.

IN BRIEF

Lakeland to host online class on community resiliency

Spectrum Health Lakeland will host "Community Resiliency Model: Introduction" from 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 5.

The online class will be held via Microsoft Teams.

Community Resiliency Model teaches trauma and coping skills for self-care to balance the nervous system of those impacted by personal or community-level trauma (such as violence, poverty, racism and homophobia).

Participants will receive tools they can immediately implement, as well as learn about future events for gaining deeper understanding of the model.

To register for the class, visit bit.ly/3sWFxPp.

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